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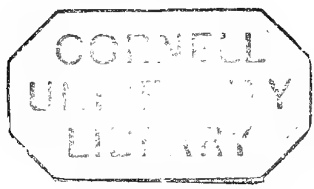

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PREFACE.

THE present volume contains the Calendar of Treasury Papers extending from the accession of Queen Anne (8 March 1702) to the end of the year 1707. The documents to which this and the two previous volumes refer are bound in 104 volumes.

The department of the Treasury remained but for a short time in commission after the accession of Her Majesty, for on May the 6th, 1702, Sidney, Lord Godolphin was made Lord High Treasurer, and did not resign that office until August 1710. He played no unimportant part in the history of this country for a long series of years in the reigns of four successive sovereigns, and occupies a most prominent position in this volume. The large number of the papers minuted under his directions are undeniable evidence of his attention to his duties, as well as of his administrative capacity.* He certainly does not appear to have dealt out the public money with a lavish hand, or without ample inquiry. When vague proposals were made to him, as they often were, he generally required the applicants to state their case more specifically. His frequent personal communication

* Lord Macaulay speaking of him under date 1689, when Lord Godolphin was one of the Commissioners at the Treasury, says:—"This man, "taciturn, clear-minded, laborious, inoffensive, zealous for no government "and useful to every government, had gradually become an almost indis-"pensable part of the machinery of the state."—*History of England*, Vol. III., p. 21.

with the Queen is very observable, as well as the number of papers read to her, and her orders thereon. An instance or two of his shrewdness may be given. A petitioner complains that his employment is "much diminished this war," and his Lordship reminds him "that the war will not continue always," which if not satisfactory to the applicant was unanswerable. (*See* Vol. XCV., No. 18.) To another petitioner he remarks that he did not "think "it reasonable to encourage officers to keep public money "in their hands in order to ask it as a reward for that "which was the duty of their offices" (Vol. XCIX., No. 9). When a warrant was issued for a new silver trumpet for the Duke of Marlborough's trumpeter, a query is put on the back (no doubt by his Lordship's direction), as to what was become of the old one (Vol. XCVII., No. 95).

A very large proportion of the papers are minuted, and the *Minute Books* are on the contrary very scanty in their entries. Whilst on the subject of the papers of this period, attention should be drawn to four volumes of a series of *Alphabetical Registers* forming part of the Treasury Records. In these volumes the minutes indorsed on the papers will be found recorded, except such as are entered in the *Minute Books*. The following are the dates of the volumes, viz. :—

May to July 1702.
March 1705 to September 1706.
June 1709 to August 1710.
August 1710 to June 1711.

They precede those mentioned in the *Seventh Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records*. App. II. p. 62.

It would seem that Lord Godolphin originated these volumes, for the first of them commences a few days

after his appointment, and his administration ceases with the third.

Perhaps some of the most important and interesting papers in this collection will be found amongst those relating to the union of Scotland with England, which took place in the year 1707. This union was a work of so much difficulty and nicety that until that time all attempts which had been made towards it for above a hundred years had proved ineffectual.* And when the union was actually accomplished, the changes introduced met with no little opposition, even resulting in the rising of mobs at Edinburgh and Leith, whilst at Glasgow they more quietly acquiesced in the new order of things. (Vol. CII., No. 84.) The papers give a great many details of the measures taken to assimilate the administration of the affairs of Scotland with those of England. The excise, the customs, the mint, had to be remodelled, and the weights and measures required a considerable amount of readjustment. Twelve gallons Scots were rated at 34 gallons English; but according to the English standards sent to Scotland, the 12 gallons nearly made 37 gallons Scotch, and to add to their difficulty, "the English quart did not agree to the English gallon."† As the result of the union, a series of volumes called *North Britain Books* came into existence. In them are enrolled a large collection of memorials, reports, warrants, &c. connected with Scotch affairs. They are preserved with the Treasury Records, and are described in the *Seventh Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records*, App. II., pp. 17 and 47.

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* See *Annals of the Reign of Queen Anne*, 1707, p. 211; and *Tindal's History of England*, Vol. IV., p. 354.

† *See* Vols. CI., Nos. 65, 66, 68, 78, 97, 103; CII. 1, 40, 57, 64, 71 74, 75, 80; CIII. 3, 20, 53, 56.

Many of the papers, as will be seen by the Index, contain notices of our transactions in and with Portugal, with which country England was then allied against France and Spain; and the papers as to prize money, booty, &c., testify to our successes at Vigo Bay.

The principle that "the King never dies" does not appear to have applied to the debts of the kingly office, for many claims left unpaid by King William the Third were declined to be liquidated in Her Majesty's time. And if the arrears due to the Crown were not paid up, there appears to have been small chance of petitioners ever getting what was due to them. (*See* Vol. LXXXV., 49, 67, 74; XC. 11, 54, 57.) The minute "no fund for this" was but a poor answer to a legitimate claim on the Government.

In accordance with the plan pursued in the preceding volumes, the Editor would now draw attention to some of the more noticeable documents hereafter described.

Fine Arts.

Sir Godfrey Kneller was allowed for drawing full-length portraits of Her Majesty 50*l.* each by order of the Council, to be presented to ambassadors, and to be sent to the plantations. (*See* Vol. XCIV., No. 26.)

Seignior Verrio, who was much employed in artistically decorating the palace of Hampton Court, had the same difficulty in obtaining payment for his labour as so many public servants employed in those times experienced. In July 1702, 1,190*l.* were due to him, which did not include the work he had done at Windsor. He complains that his necessities were very pressing, and 600*l.* were ordered for him. (*See* Vol. LXXXI., No. 22.) He was complaining again in February 1703–4. (*See* Vol. LXXXIX., No. 41.)

A merchant of London who had contracted for 600*l.* to supply several marble statues from Italy to decorate the same palace by the late King's order, instead of being paid his bill was generously informed that he might have the statues again. (*See* Vol. LXXXVI., No. 76.)

Biography.

The Archbishop of Armagh.

In a former volume a letter is calendared of Narcissus, Archbishop of Dublin, of 6th May 1701 (Vol. LXXIV., No. 7), in which he unfolds a scheme that was very dear to him, for erecting a public library at Dublin, and for giving part of his books and leaving the remainder thereto after his death. In this volume good testimony is borne to his generous open-handed liberality by the Bishop of London. He says that the Archbishop (then translated to Armagh) had become so cast down with his difficulties occasioned by his generosity, that he contemplated retiring from the archbishopric and setting up a private school for his livelihood. In this Calendar will be found a good part of the Archbishop's interesting letter, in which he relates that he had been three times one of the Lords Justices of Ireland, and had supported the charges of the Government (about 1,500*l.*) out of his own pocket. The library was nearly finished, and would cost him about 1,800*l.* besides books. (*See* Vol. LXXXVI., No. 107.)

In 1707 an Act of the Irish Parliament was obtained for settling and preserving this library, the particulars of which are set out in the *Liber Hiberniæ*, Vol. II., Part VI. p. 31.

Dr. Stillingfleet's library formed part of the above collection, and there is the following postscript to a letter which throws some light on its purchase: "Pray let me "desire you to further the Primate's request about getting

" ye 500li in order for buying Dr. Stillingfleet's library, " unless you are afraid we should grow too learned." (*See* Vol. XCIII., No. 134.) For the better preservation of the larger books the Lord Archbishop had provided iron chains, rods, and clasps, with close lattices, &c. *See Liber Hiberniæ, ut supra.*

Bishop Kenn.

The following interesting letter of Bishop Kenn (one of the seven bishops sent to the Tower by King James II. for refusing to read the Declaration of Indulgence) is found as an enclosure to a letter of George, Bishop of Bath and Wells, who was the second in succession to Bishop Kenn:—

" All glory be to God.

" My very good Lord,

" Before your Lordshippe leaveng ye towne, I suppose yt you will wait on my Lord Treasurere, it being too much presumption to write to him my selfe, I entreat you to present my most humble acknowledgments to his Lordshippe for procuring me Her Majesty's royal bounty ye last yeare, wch came to me by your hand. I have no title to ye continuance of it, but his Lordshipp's unmerited goodnesse to me, wch I beseech God plentifully to reward, & if his Lordshippe should forbeare to continue it ye discontinuance shall not obliterate my gratefull sense of his favour past. I pray God to send you a prosperous iourney to your diocese, where your presence is generally much desired.

" God keep us in his most holy feare.

" My good Lord,

" Your Lordshipp's most affect. freind & br

" Feb. 27th. Tho. Kenn."

[Addressed]

" To ye Right Reverend Fathere in God,

" George, Lord Bishoppe of Bath & Wells

" present."

(*See* Vol. XCVII. No. 98.)

Sir Isaac Newton.

This volume, like its predecessors, produces several papers in which Mr., afterwards Sir, Isaac Newton as an officer of the Mint was more or less concerned, and it may be observed that when he was one of the persons signing the papers, they were generally written by his own hand. Perhaps it need hardly be said that they bear the impress of his lucid mind, and show how carefully he went into the minutiæ of all that he had to attend to. The elaborate paper of 7th July 1702 on the value of foreign gold coins in proportion to silver will bear out this remark. (*See* Vol. LXXX., No. 105.) Another paper also, on a proposal to raise the price of tin, further confirms this observation. (*See* Vol. XCIX., No. 97.)

Daniel de Foe.

There are two notices of the talented popular writer De Foe, or Fooe as he is thrice written, viz., first under 25 Jan. 1702–3, where his name occurs in a list of persons to be prosecuted by the Treasury solicitor for the libel entitled, "*The shortest way with Dissenters*" (Vol. LXXXIV., No. 41); the second is as to 50*l.* reward claimed for apprehending him by one who did "not care to appear himself." The Earl of Nottingham managed the business for this shy individual, and the 50*l.* found its way to him out of secret service money. (*See* Vol. LXXXV., No. 154.)

Common Rights.

Permission to grub up a coppice in Epping Forest was refused by the Lord High Treasurer, as it was contrary to the opinion of the lieutenant of the forest, who did not think the verderers would join in a certificate as usual if it were desired of them. (*See* Vol. LXXXV., No. 70.)

The Attorney General gives his opinion on the making of new copyholds out of wastes, Oct. 30th, 1705. (*See* Vol. XCV., No. 120.) Also as to certain derelict land on which common rights were claimed. (Vol. XCVII., No. 79.)

Claims to estovers or fuel wood in the New Forest are made by various freeholders and others on the borders of the New Forest. (*See* Vol. XCVII., Nos. 49 and 52.)

An important report on the rights of the islanders of Portland to certain dues for stone quarried in that island is calendared in Vol. CI., No. 83. The paper is, however, wrongly dated by Mr. James Mountague, the Solicitor General, and should have been 31 March 1708 instead of 1707. It touches on the rights of the Crown (the Queen being lady of the manor) and the rights of the commoners there. The stone for Greenwich Hospital, St. Paul's Cathedral, Chelsea College, and several churches, was obtained from thence.

Historical Notices.

A copy of a letter of 2/13 August 1703 gives some details of the plans for the investment of the town of Huy in Germany, under the command of the Duke of Marlborough. (*See* Vol. LXXXVII., No. 2.)

The copy of another letter, from the Earl of Peterborough, gives an account of the successes in Catalonia in 1705. (*See* Vol. XCVI., No. 51.)

The autumn of the year 1703 was memorable for a fearful storm in and around England, and there is frequent mention in these papers of the havoc caused by it. The Bishop of Oxford craved successfully the indulgence of the Lord High Treasurer for time to pay his first fruits, as, besides other things, he had to repair the "hurt done by the late great storm." (*See* Vol. LXXXIX., No. 22.) Another bishop, viz., Dr. Kidder, Bishop of Bath and

Wells, as is well known, lost his life by the fall of a stack of chimneys blown down by the same storm. His successor also wanted consideration for his first fruits, and mentions that one part of the dilapidations produced by the storm was the cause of his predecessor's death; and another part of them was hurled down so shortly after, that it could not be distinguished whether it was before or after his death. This seems to have made it a difficult matter as to who was answerable to make good the dilapidations. He obtained a respite. (*See* Vol. LXXXIX., No. 85.)

Another sufferer by this storm was the widow of the ill-fated Henry Winstanley, who built the Edystone, or Eddystone lighthouse, and was swept away in it, having expended about 5,000*l.* in the erection. She supplicated the royal bounty, and obtained 200*l.* at the end of the year 1707, and 100*l.* per annum from Lady-day 1708. (*See* Vol. XCIII., No. 30.)

The widow of the gallant Micaiah Browning, the captain of the ship which brought relief to the famishing inhabitants of Londonderry, when so sorely besieged in 1689, seeks payment of nine years' arrears of her pension of 60*l.* a year, settled on her by King William III. The response to this relict of as brave a man as Ireland ever produced, who volunteered to risk his life, and lost it, for the succour of his fellow citizens, will hardly be considered generous. Its terms are :—"To be paid so much as is due in ye Queen's time." (*See* Vol. LXXXV., No. 74.)

Law.

One of the many attempts at law amendment was proposed by John Cresset, Esq. He asked to be allowed to employ himself wholly in inspecting, reviewing, and separating the most excellent common and statute laws from the rubbish they almost lay buried under, and to lay

the same before learned judicious persons, that they might amend them. An undated paper. (*See* Vol. LXXXIII., No. 116.)

On the right to repair certain bridges, see the *Attorney General's Report*, Vol. XCV., No. 3.

Lighthouses in Ireland.

A full abstract of some interesting papers on certain lighthouses in Ireland is given under date 1st August 1704. There had been six lighthouses in Ireland, but they were then reduced to two, and those were insufficiently maintained. Coals, burnt in a grate, were used to produce the light. The fires from these were occasionally put out by the rain, or the smoke arising from them obscured the light, so that they were at times of little use. They had to be blown up by a smith's bellows. At one lighthouse it was proposed to place large lamps, 36 in number, as the light would be more steady and constant. The Earl of Abercorn had a grant which was dependant upon these lighthouses. It was quite inadequate, and if the lights were kept up, his lordship would have been a great loser. He surrendered the grant, and received 1,000*l.* a year for three years. (*See* Vol. XCI., No. 71; Vol. XCII., No. 58; and Vol. XCIII., No. 57.)

Records at the Tower of London.

Much information as to the state of the public records preserved at the Tower of London, and the calendars to the same, as well as to the steps taken to reduce the records to order, will be found hereafter set out. In the Cæsar's Chapel they were lying in confused heaps, and were in danger of perishing. (*See* Vol. LXXXIX., No. 147.) A committee was appointed to report on them, and on the place wherein they were kept. (*See* Vol. XC., No. 64.)

They made their report on 6th September 1704, and recommended that such as were written on one side should be fixed into books with paste prepared with "colliquintida," to secure it against worms. The records of each reign should be "glued" on indiscriminately as they were cleaned, and when a book was finished and bound it should be indexed. Abstracts of the records, and not mere names of persons and places, were to be given. (*See* Vol. XCI., No. 117.) The details of what the Lord High Treasurer ordered to be done to preserve these records, and make them accessible, are referred to in Vol. XCII., No. 32. Quarterly reports were afterwards made by the keeper, showing the progress of the sortation and calendaring, the first being rendered on 25th December 1704. (*See* XCII., No. 82.) In that of 25th March 1705 specimens of the paper proposed for the calendar are enclosed. (*See* Vol. XCIII., No. 115.)

Statistics.

The agents for taxes state that the taxes of the "cities of London, Middlesex, and Westminster" amounted to 430,000*l.* yearly, being more than a sixth of the taxes of the whole kingdom. (*See* August 5, 1703, Vol. LXXXVII., No. 15.)

Topography.

St. James's Park.

In the methods proposed to improve St. James's Park, the doors and passages through the same were recommended to be only so many as Her Majesty thought fit. There are also other proposed regulations, amongst which no dogs or rude people were to be admitted, and a servant was to be kept, to wear the Queen's badge or coat, to look after the sentries, as there was no dependence on them. (*See* Vol. LXXXII., No. 80.)

Cotton House.

A proposal to remove the library of Cotton House to a depository over the usher's room in the House of Lords, is made by Sir Christopher Wren in his report upon the room it then occupied in Cotton House, which he says could not be repaired without pulling down a good part of the dwelling house. The room proposed would be more capacious, and only two fifths of the expense. (*See* Vol. LXXXVII., No. 126.)

His scheme did not find favour, and this rare collection remained in Cotton House, and for better accommodation 27 presses were fitted up and ordered to be paid for. (*See* July 29, 1704, Vol. XCI., No. 66.)

The papers which detail the negotiations for the sale of Cotton House to preserve this collection are hereafter calendared. The House of Lords recommended the purchase to Her Majesty, that this treasure of books and MSS. so generously given for the public service should not remain any longer useless and in danger of perishing. In Sir John Cotton's estimate of the premises, he says the ground was capable of great improvement by its near situation to the two Houses of Parliament, where convenience might be made for the accommodation of members of Parliament by building a square which might contain 24 houses. The members might go directly out of "Parliament House" into their lodgings. (*See* 15 May 1706, Vol. XCVIII., No. 51.) Some particulars of the derivation of title to the premises are given under June 17, 1706. (*See* Vol. XCVIII., No. 102.) Several years elapsed from the time the collection was secured to the nation before proper provision was made for its preservation; but at last, after some bargaining between the Government, who wanted the house for 4,000*l.*, and

Sir John Cotton, who wanted 5,000*l.* for it, the property was finally bought for 4,500*l.* (*See* Vol. C., No. 45, and *Minute Book*, Vol. XIV., No. 136.)

New Palace Yard.

The clock tower and clock having been demolished, efforts were made to get a good large sundial set up, that the members of Parliament, the courts at Westminster Hall, the officers of the Exchequer, and others might thus have the "great convenience" of knowing the time, and the Lord High Treasurer was willing to pay the charge if it did not exceed 20*l.* (*See* Vol. XCVII., No. 36.)

The Old Gate House.

The keeper of the Gate House prison claimed 2*s.* 6*d.* a week each for the accommodation of certain French gentlemen who were prisoners of war. The accommodation was of the scantiest description, as some of them had to lie on the boards. The keeper was, however, ordered to find beds for them fit for their condition. (*See* Vol. XCII., No. 17.)

Some other particulars of the Old Gate House occur under date 16 Feb. 1705–6. It was then in contemplation to pull the building down. (*See* Vol. XCVII. No. 70.)

Dover Harbour.

A scheme for cleansing and scouring Dover Harbour by building a wall across it, with sluices, through which the back water was allowed to rush at low water, is said to have answered well. There are also notices of works required for repair of the pier and harbour. (*See* June 1, 1706, Vol. XCVIII., No. 75.) Exceptions were taken

against the scheme, and other papers are described relating thereto, in Vol. XCIX., No. 82, and Vol. CI., No. 37.

The Excise Office.

Information as to the old Excise Office may be gathered from papers described in Vol. LXXXVI., Nos. 17 and 57.

Trade and Manufactures.

The Linen Manfuacture in Ireland.

As the Treasury Papers contain so much information in regard to the setting up of the linen manufacture in Ireland, and the difficulties it had to contend with before it became established, some little account of its rise and progress, drawn from these papers and from some other sources, may not be out of place here.

Anderson in his "*Origin of Commerce*" (Vol. I., p. 451), quoting from *Hakluyt* (Vol. I., p. 187), says, that as early as the year 1430, linen was manufactured in Ireland. The manufacture had, however, come to little or nothing, for the Lords Justices observe on 1 Feb. 1706 (*Treasury Papers*, Vol. XCVII., No. 51), that seven years before, *i.e.* 1699, it was of no manner of consequence. What there was manufactured of it was in the north, and the people were entirely ignorant of the art of managing and working flax, spinning the yarn, and whitening the cloth, and they were absolutely strangers to the looms and other utensils necessary for the work. The finest they could make was worth but 12 or 15 pence a yard, but it had then (1706) risen to be worth 8*s.* and 9*s.* an English yard. An Act of Parliament for its encouragement, in 7 & 8 Will. III. (cap. 39), was obtained, and *Anderson* says, "This law was wisely framed for the "encouragement particularly of French Protestant

" refugees to settle in Ireland, many of whom were well " skilled in the once noble linen manufacture of France, " since sunk almost to nothing; and late experience has " shown that this law laid the foundation of Ireland's " present* most flourishing and almost immense manu- " facture of linens and cambricks." (*See Ib.*, Vol. II, p. 626.) And again, at p. 642, he says, A.D. 1698, " In " the same year the English House of Peers addressed " King William in order to his discouraging the woollen " manufactures of Ireland, the increase of which had " given umbrage to the people of England, and that His " Majesty would, on the contrary, encourage the linen " manufacture of the said kingdom of Ireland, pursuant " to an Act of Parliament in the year 1696, already men- " tioned, which manufacture has since been brought to " great perfection in that kingdom. The English House " of Commons likewise addressed the King to induce the " people of Ireland to cultivate the joint interests of both " kingdoms, and that as Ireland is dependent on and " protected by England in the enjoyment of all they have, " they would be content to apply themselves to the linen " manufacture; whereby they would enrich themselves " and be beneficial to England at the same time, both " which points have since been successfully effected."

An Order in Council dated 1 Feb. 1699, for setting up the manufacture, is described in the *Calendar of Treasury Papers*, Vol. LXVII., No. 24, and there is a warrant to the Lords Justices of Ireland, dated 14 Feb. $\frac{1699}{1700}$ in the *Irish Book* (Treasury), Vol. V., p. 56, granted on the advice of the Commissioners of Trade, directing letters patent to be passed in Ireland to appoint trustees for the establishment of a linen manufacture in Ireland, to take

* The volume was printed in 1787.

charge of an allowance of 800*l.* per annum for 10 years to pay the interest of 10,000*l.* at 8 per cent., or any part thereof, which should be advanced by Lewis Crommelin or Crummelin, merchant,* or by his procurement. He was to make a bleaching yard and a folding or pressing house, to sow, cultivate, and prepare hemp and flax, and to provide all necessary tools and utensils, looms and spinning wheels for the persons employed. This advance was to be repaid by them in such small payments as they were able to make. He was also to advance the necessary sums for subsistence of such workmen and their families as should come from abroad, as well as for the persons in Ireland who should be employed. The trustees were to see that 200*l.* per annum were allowed to Mr. Crommelin during pleasure, and 120*l.* per annum to three assistants, and a pension of 60*l.* per annum to a French minister.

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* Louis Crommelin was a native of St. Quintin in Picardy. As there was no part of this manufacture that he could not work with his own hands, he was encouraged to come over to England by King William III. to further that object. He says in his essay on "*The Improving of Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in the Kingdom of Ireland*," printed at Dublin, 1705 (British Museum, $\frac{1029\,e\,11}{6}$), that he had more than one interview on these subjects with His Majesty. His essay is elaborately reviewed in "*An Inquiry into the State and Progress of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, by Robert Stephenson*," printed at Dublin, 1757, where much may be learnt on this subject. The author has evidently a strong prejudice against foreigners, and on several points he takes Mr. Crommelin to task for his ignorance of what was done in countries beyond his native place.

Smiles, in his volume on the *Huguenots*, says Crommelin belonged to a family who had carried on the linen manufacture in the various branches in France for upwards of 400 years, and that he was singularly well fitted for the office to which the King called him, being a person of admirable business qualties, of excellent good sense, and of remarkable energy and perseverance (p. 360). And again, that the Irish Parliament voted him the public thanks for his patriotic efforts towards the establishment of the linen trade in Ireland, of which he was unquestionably the founder. Crommelin died in 1727, and was buried beside other members of his family in the churchyard of Lisburn. *Ib.*, p. 364.

In furtherance of the above warrant, King William III., by his letters patent dated 17th August 1700, constituted the chief governor or governors of Ireland and several other persons trustees for erecting a linen manufacture in that country, allowing for the same 1,180*l.* a year for 10 years. No part of the sum of 10,000*l.*, previously named, had been advanced by Mr. Crommelin, but several plain looms had been erected of the value of 30*l.* each, as well as other looms called "Estilles,"* for making fine linen in imitation of that of France and Holland, of the value of 50*l.* each. The patent had determined by the death of the King; and Queen Anne, by warrant dated 4th December 1702, authorised the trustees to accept these looms as stock, and 8 per cent. to be allowed to such owners as had advanced the money. She also authorised letters patent to be passed under the great seal of Ireland, appointing other trustees for a similar purpose for 10 years. (*See Irish Book* (Treasury), Vol. V., p. 266.) By a further warrant of 12th June 1704, the Queen appointed some of the same and other trustees to manage the payment of the 1,180*l.* a year for 10 years. (*See Ib.*, p. 319.)

An interesting document on the subject of this manufacture (previously slightly noticed) will be found under date 1st February 1705–6 (Vol. XCVII., No. 51). The manufacture had then made a wonderful advance, under the care of Mr. Lewis Crommelin, and the Lords Justices were very anxious that the art and mystery should be extended from the north to the south of Ireland, for the people to whom it had been already communicated were generally Scotch, and of that extraction, who would most

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* Two drawings of this kind of loom are given at the end of the *Essay* by Mr. Crommelin, previously mentioned, as well as of a French and Dutch loom, and tools for a flax dresser.

certainly engross that manufacture to themselves, and "never suffer it to come out of that country." The Lords Justices therefore press it upon the Duke of Ormonde to take measures to induce Mr. Crommelin to remove himself and family to some part of the centre of the kingdom, in order to settle a colony there and establish this manufacture, that it might soon diffuse itself into the other three parts of the kingdom, "which is now generally inhabited by English, and those of that extraction." Kilkenny was the place recommended by Mr. Crommelin for the goodness of the air, water, and soil. He demanded 2,500*l.** to remove himself, family, and looms, to build a bleaching yard there, and an addition to his patent of four years. The revenue would not allow this, and he made a further proposal for 12 years addition to his patent, giving up the ready money.

The Commissioners of Trade concurred in the desirability of the removal suggested, and saw no objection to the additional term to the patent. (*See* 17th June 1706, Vol. XCVIII., No. 101.)

The Lord High Treasurer, by a minute on the dorse, says "that when Her Maj^ty^ shall think fit to inlarge "this term, my lord thinks it should be under ye restric-"tion to make only coarse linens."

The considerable merchants in the city of London, and the importers of foreign linens, looked upon this scheme of the further extension of the linen manufacture in Ireland with anything but favour. The Commissioners of Customs in England having called upon them for their opinion, they, as might be supposed, expressed it pretty strongly. They said that it would entirely hinder the importation of all broad

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* 500*l.* was afterwards promised to him to pay his charges for removal. (*See* Vol. CII., No. 55.)

Germany linen, "damas," diaper, &c., from Hamburgh, as also of all low-priced linen from Flanders and Holland, the duties on them being so great. If it were further encouraged they would lose the export of woollen manufactures; for if we did not take their linen, they on the continent would fall to making woollen manufactures. They (the merchants) proposed a duty on certain of the linens imported from Ireland.

These views the Commissioners of Customs approved, and strongly advised against the scheme. (*See* Vol. XCIX., No. 85.)

The Lords Justices, urged by the trustees for the linen manufacture to recommend this matter to the Duke of Ormonde, that he might use his interposition with Her Majesty for its effectual encouragement, write on the 21st of January 1707 to the Duke, concurring entirely with the trustees, that the promotion thereof, under the present decay of trade, would be the only means of recovering the poor sinking country from its miserable poverty. (*See* Vol. CI., No. 18.)

Notwithstanding the objections raised against this extension of the manufacture, the Duke of Ormonde (who had steadily advocated the matter all through) was successful to the extent of getting a promising minute put on his application of 25th March 1707 (Vol. CI., No. 72) to the Lord High Treasurer. The Duke says the people on that side (Ireland) were very intent upon it,* and that the Commissioners of Customs had only consulted the merchants concerned in the Hamburgh trade, who were against all manner of encouragement of the linen manufacture in Ireland; but he hoped *that* would have no effect in opposing

* This is borne out by the fact that the Irish Parliament had passed an Act exempting flax from tithes. (*See* 9 April 1707, Vol. CI., No. 90.)

a national interest and concern, wherein both Houses of Parliament on this side (*i.e.*, England) had so heartily concurred. The minute above referred to was:—" Read " 26 March 1707. A w^{t} to be prepared, but to express " therein that 'tis consented to, in consideration of the " loss that k[ingdom] susteyns by the prohibic̃on of the " exportac̃on of ye woollen manufactures from thence, & " ye encouragem^{t} that was intended by ye English parl^{t} at " that time to be given to the linen manufacture in " Ireland."

It seems that at this stage some of the trustees had a mind to oppose the removing of the manufacture to Kilkenny. (*See* 13 May 1707, Vol. CII., No. 18.) They wanted it to be set up at Cootehill. (*See* 23 May 1707, Vol. CII., No. 29.) However, to give effect to the above minute, a draft of the letters patent was sent over from Ireland for the Lord High Treasurer's approval, in June 1707, in which it was proposed that seven years should be added to Mr. Crommelin's patent, and for his charges in removing into the south, he promising to set up 40 looms the first year, and to increase them to 60 in two years more, and to keep them constantly employed in making such sort of foreign cloths as he should think fit. (*See* Vol. CII., 55.) Many exceptions were taken to this draft of patent, and although they had been fully answered from Ireland on 23 May 1707 (*see* Vol. CII., No. 29), yet even then the grant of the extension of Mr. Crommelin's patent was not obtained, for the Earl of Pembroke, the successor of the Duke of Ormonde, writes to the Lord High Treasurer on 6 August 1707 (Vol. CII., 83) that no further progress had been made, though it would be for the general good of the kingdom. There was a further reason to induce Her Majesty to grant what was desired, viz., that the whole town of Lisburn, where the French colony was settled for

carrying on that manufacture, was lately destroyed by an accidental fire, and they had not provided themselves with habitations, in expectation of Her Majesty's pleasure for their removal to Kilkenny.

This paper is minuted: — "Read 10 Aug. 1707. Orderd."

Subsequently another board of trustees for the linen and hempen manufactures was established in the ninth year of Queen Anne, by an Act of the Irish Parliament. It consisted of 72 members, appointed for life. (*See Liber Hiberniæ*, Vol. II., Part VII., p. 226.)

The facts here brought together will make it apparent that the sister country had been hardly dealt with, for she had been induced to give up the manufacture of wool with the understanding that the linen manufacture should be encouraged, and then experienced all these obstacles to its establishment. (*See* Vol. CI., No. 18.) But the justice of the case was too strong to be resisted, and the success of the manufacture in Ireland was more remarkable than the difficulties with which it had to contend. To prove this it need only be said that in 1689 Ireland did not export linen to the value of 6,000*l.* per annum, but in 1741 its exports had increased to 600,000*l.* (*See Anderson's Origin of Commerce*, Vol. III., p. 230.)

Tapestry.

A notice of another manufacture, which was as much upon the decline as the last was upon the rise, is contained in a report of the Surveyor General of 11 January 1702–3. This manufacture was carried on at the Tapestry House at Mortlake, which was very old and ruinous, where there were 16 looms comprised in two work-houses. There were also certain garrets, an old chapel, &c. Some additional

topographical and other particulars are given. It is added that the commodity did not vend as formerly, and so there had been but little work of late years. (*See* Vol. LXXXIV., No. 22.)

Stationery Contracts.

A tender for the supply of stationery for the use of the Commissioners of Customs, at 20 per cent. lower than it was supplied, was accepted, but one Mr. Sharpe was to continue to supply it jointly with the contractor. The prices proposed by the latter were not to be exceeded, and the articles were to be as good as those supplied by Mr. Sharpe. (*See* Vol. C., No. 13.)

Miscellaneous.

The Commissioners of Customs discourage the transfer of offices on payment of part of the salaries from the incoming to the outgoing occupants of offices, as the purchasers would be apt to make up their salaries by defrauding the Crown, or by exacting from the subject, and "my Lord" agreed with the Commissioners. (*See* Vol. LXXXIV., No. 21.)

The sureties for a Customs' officer consisted, amongst others, of a poor fellow who was a prisoner in the Queen's Bench, a poor barber in Finch Lane whose goods were seized, and a journeyman cooper, a poor man who had absconded. (*See* Vol. LXXXV., No. 26.)

Twenty pounds were paid out of secret service money as compensation for the bite of a great dog which went mad, belonging to the receipt of the Exchequer. (*See* Vol. LXXXVI., No. 113.)

The Master of the Rolls, in order that he might take the air, was allowed the privilege of having a gap left in the wall which was being built opposite his house in

Knightsbridge, for enclosing Hyde Park. (*See* Vol. XCII., No. 115.)

A royal present of hawks to the Queen from the King of Denmark did not appear to have been very acceptable, for the hawks were bestowed by Her Majesty on the keeper, together with 60*l.* for his trouble in looking after them. Whether he was gratified does not appear. It would seem that hawks were no greater favourites with Her Majesty than the ducks in St. James's Park were with her royal brother-in-law. (*See* Vol. LXXXVII., No. 105; XCIV., No. 86.)

Medals of the value of 55*l.* were distributed to the master of a vessel, three mariners, and a boy, for their extraordinary courage in having set upon 13 Frenchmen in whose charge the vessel then was, and recapturing it. (*See* Vol. LXXXVII., No. 133.)

Certain Greek youths were decoyed away from Oxford, and a narrative of what happened to them is given. (*See* Vol. LXXXVII., No. 142.) Dr. Woodroffe, who superintended their instruction and maintenance at Oxford, had considerable difficulty in obtaining the means necessary to meet the expense. (*See* Vol. XCVI., No. 104.)

There is mention of an engine of the diving-bell species, whereby work could be done for several hours under water. James Trefusis was endeavouring to get permission to have for seven years the treasure he should recover by it out of the sea. (*See* Vol. LXXXIX., No. 111.)

Interesting particulars are afforded as to the hospital of St. Thomas's, Southwark, and the care of sick and wounded seamen, during the reign of King William the Third and the beginning of that of Anne; the allowance for diet, care, surgeons, &c. The governors, in their petition, remark that it seemed reasonable that those who were wounded in the public service should be repaired at

the public charge. Two of the medical officers had obtained a large payment for the same in a clandestine manner. (*See* Vol. XC., No. 55.) There is also the report of the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen in answer thereto. (*See* Vol. XCV., No. 28.) In their view sending the sick to St. Thomas's and St. Bartholomew's hospitals, was only to ease the Government of the charge, and they never heard of the payment of such allowances.

Philip Raleigh, Esq., a grandson of Sir Walter Raleigh, who had been brought up to accounts, is an applicant for employment, and the Lord High Treasurer was willing to recommend him for anything for which he was qualified. (*See* Vol. XC., No. 58.)

The widow of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., of Islet Hall, Cumberland, whose husband had left to the Queen 600*l.* as conscience money to satisfy taxes he ought to have paid to the Crown, made it a point of conscience to oppose the payment of that legacy, and the plea of six small children induced Her Majesty to give up her claim. (*See* Vol. XCIII., No. 109, and XCIV., No. 57.)

One who says that he had lived almost "25 years under the *shadow of the sunbeams* of" the Lord High Treasurer's favour, adds that if his lordship would not do him good he must prepare for sudden death, which he prophesies must be in a few days, except a miracle should happen. His petition is probably a good index to himself, as he appears by the Commissioners of Customs' account of him to have muddled his intellect by drunkenness and debauchery, so that he must have required his lordship's sunshine on his merits and his shadow over his faults. (*See* Vol. XCIV., No. 53.)

Another says that his lordship was now in such a station that his countenance might be like rain upon the

mown grass to him and his family. (*See* Vol. LXXIX., No. 102.)

The family of Killigrew made several successful applications to the Lord High Treasurer. Mr. Henry Killigrew claims to be a near kinsman to his lordship. Mr. William, however, was the most importunate. He describes himself as a poor relation, and reminds his lordship that "qui cito dat, bis dat." (*See* Index.)

Dr. Charles Morley claims to have been a medical reformer in the navy, having so controlled the surgeons' chests, and brought them to be furnished with good medicines by the Apothecaries' Company, that they were no longer stuffed with unwholesome and improper medicines, resulting in the loss of many seamen's lives. (*See* Vol. XCVIII., No. 100.)

Her Majesty acted as her own surveyor, or rather inspector of nuisances, when a complaint was made by Lady Diana Howard about a house and kennel which had originally been built for King Charles the Second's spaniels, near her ladyship's dwelling in Duke Street, Westminster. (*See* Vol. XCIX., No. 76.)

A ready means was then found for raising money for the poor, or for charitable objects, by cutting down the trees in the royal forests, and Lord Ranelagh sends up a pathetic appeal to the Lord High Treasurer to have the fine old trees in Cranbourne Chace spared. He implores his lordship's pity for his afflicted neighbours in their anticipated loss, "and for his devoted servant old Ranelagh." Even the heart of the surveyor is touched with pity at his lordship's appeal; but from his reply, as the woodman's axe was not to come within a mile of Cranbourne, the old trees probably survived their old friend. (*See* Vol. CI., No. 69.)

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TREASURY PAPERS.

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ANNE.

? 1702. 1. "Her Majesty's Printers accompts for the years 1700–1 and 1701–2. Digested."

Also another set of accounts of His late Majesty's Printers. They appear to have been sent in at the beginning of the reign of Queen Anne. One has two minutes indorsed, the second of which is "18 Augt 1702. To be consider'd when more arrears due before 8 March, come in."

The larger paper 5 *pages*, and the smaller 24 *pages*.

Perhaps 1701 or 1702. 2. An abstract of the constitution and practice of the searchers office in the port of London as established by law. The chief searcher was assisted by five under-searchers, whose duties are set out. The Comrs of Customs also appointed five searchers, called deputed searchers, with a boat and two watermen, and a surveyor with a boat and two watermen, as a check on the five under-searchers. There are six signatures at the foot apparently of the chief and under-searchers. 2 *pages*.

[? 1702.] 3. An answer to the articles relating to the extra charge of the six marine regiments. 3 *pages*.

[? 1702.] 4. Memorial of the Comrs for Taxes for Whitehall, praying a stop to be put to the process from the Court of Exchequer, issued against them, for arrears of taxes of his late Majesty's servants. 18 signatures of Comrs. 1 *page*.

[? 1702.] 5. "Wages and boardwages to His Mats Houshold, officers and servants that are continued in their severall offices and places, to attend the present service." From the docquet it appears the wages, &c., were payable in the office of the cofferer of the household. 5 *large pages*.

After February 1701–2. 6. "The charge in ye office of workes for ye repaires of her Majties pallaces in January and February 1701–2." 1 *page*.

? 1701–2. 7. "An accot of fees & salarys payable by his late Majty, with the sumes due thereupon at Christmas 1701."

This list varies somewhat from that printed in the preface to the *Syllabus of Rymer's Fœdera*, p. cxliv. 5 *pages*.

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March 8. 8. Memoranda of sums due in various ways to the Lord Chamberlain up to 8 March 1701–2.
Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu:" 1 *page.*

March 8. 9. "The Debt on 8th March 1701–2 to fees & sallarys payable by His late Maty, with the sums due thereupon to Xmas 1701." Being a list of the persons, their salaries, and the sums due. 5 *pages.*

March 8. 10. "An accot of what is due to Mrs Heard the butcher, and Mr Walkden and Mr Wybird, the two poulterers, for goods delivered for His late Mats service to 8th March 1701–2." 1 *page.*

March 8. 11. Copy of a valuation of the Civil List funds as they were estimated on 8th March 1701. 1 *page.*

March 8. 12. "An estimate of the debts owing by his late Majesty King William the Third, on acct of the Civill Governmt upon the 8th of March 1701–2."
On the dorse is:—"Send for the particular due to every individual person in every office." 1 *large page.*

March 10. 13. Report of the Agents for Taxes on the petition of Thomas Austen, Esq., late receiver general for the county of Chester and North Wales, and then receiver general for the county of Southampton; as to an allowance of an overpayment in his former receivership. Dated 10 March 1701.
The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

March 12. 14. "A state of the debt due in ye cofferers office, for sallarys, pencons, empcons and extrarys for one year and half & 67 days, from Mids. 1700 to ye 8th of this instant March 1701–2." Dated 12 March 1701–2. 1 *page.*

March 12. 15. Certificate from the jewel office, signed C. Godfrey, as to what was due to Mr. Charles Shales, His Majesty's goldsmith, for plate and jewels delivered into that office. Dated 12 March 1701–2. ½ *page.*

March 13. 16. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching a fraud practiced at Fowey with respect to the salt duties. Dated 13 March 1701–2. 2 *pages.*

March 13. 17. Letter of C. Denassan, Master of the Robes, directed to Mr. Secretary Lowndes, sending the total of the abstract of the several tradesmen's bills, except a few in Holland, which were for necessaries for the King.
There are two papers enclosed, numbered 4 and 5, which extend from 4 May 1695 to 8 March 1701–2. 3 *pages.*

March 17. 18. Memorial of Joseph Paice, John Champante, and Robert Hackshaw to the Lords of the Treasury, making a proposal for remittance to New York, for the pay of the forces by their joint bills of exchange, at an advance of 34*l.* per cent. Dated 17 March 1701. 1 *page.*

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About March 17. 19. Petition of half-pay officers to the Lords of the Treasury, for their half-pay since the 18th of August last.

Minuted:—"Read 17 March 1701–2. My Lords have issued the whole 41,000li to the Earl of Ranelagh, for their half-pay given by Parlt. Direct the Earl of Ranelagh to send hither forthwth, a particular accot of the application thereof." 1 *page.*

March 18. 20. Letter from the Comrs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, touching stores embezzled at Chatham.

Copies of three letters enclosed on the same subject. 5½ *pages.*

March 19. 21. Report of Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Johnson, who had been convicted of transporting wool. He had goods to the value of the judgment (411*l.*) The charge of convicting him amounted to near 60*l.*

Also the petition and another statement, and a petition of John Ford, custom house officer, as to his part of the penalty. 4 *pages.*

March 21. 22. Letter of Jonathan, Bishop of Exeter, to the Honble Mr. Lowndes, Secretary to the Treasury. He had formerly troubled Mr. Lowndes in favour of Mr. Opie for the customers place at Plymouth; but it was obtained by the Earl of Tankerville's interest "for that rebel Major Bremen." The place was then void by the King's death, and surely in these times such ill men would not show their faces, much less obtain employment. Mr. Opie was a very honest man, and behaved himself with great honor and regard to his country and church in the late difficult times, as Mayor of Plymouth, "when he gave the first turn to the phanatiqs interest there." [*Holograph.*]

Minuted:—"17 June 1702. When ye Comrs of ye Customes are here, to enquire of ye value of this place." 1 *page and* 5 *lines.*

[? About March 21.] 23. Petition of John "Braman," customer of Plymouth, for renewal of his patent.

The second Minute to this is:—"29 July 1702. My Ld will speak wth Mr. Pelham concerning this."

Also certificate in his favour. Signed, "Dorsett, Romney, & T. Pelham." 2 *pages.*

March 21. 24. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury opposing the passing of a bill in the House of Commons to discharge the usuall securities given upon the coast trade of the kingdom; appealing to their Lordships, as none of their board were in the House of Commons. The giving bonds upon the coast trade was by ancient usage and prescription, as well as by later laws, provided as a safeguard to the revenue.

Enclosing a paper of objections of Mr. Breton, customer of Sandwich, and members, "which comprehends the whole county of Kent," as regards its trade. Dated 21 March 1701–2.

Minuted:—"March 27th 1702. Read." 3 *pages.*

March 24. 25. "A list of his late Majty provisions now at Loo & the Hague in Holland. March ye 24th 1702." [should be 1701–2.]

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen, 9 June 1702." 1 *page.*

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March 24. 26. Copies of (1) Letter from Officers of the Post Office to Mr. Lowndes, sending a presentation relating to the cross road settled between Bristol and Chester, and an abstract of the charge and profit thereof; dated 24 March 1701. (2) Another communication of similar officers as to the advantages and disadvantages of this road. (3) "An abstract of the acc^t of the profit arrising by the cross posts established between Bristol and Chester from Michaelmas 1700 to Lady day 1702." 4 *pages.*

Before March 25, 1702. 27. Copy of Royal Order, docquetted:—"Order for regulation of Musters." Divided into 13 paragraphs.
Given at the Court at St James's "this day of 1701–2." 7 *pages.*

March 25. 28. Money assessed on the officers of the Post Office on account of the 3^s aid, whose salaries did not exceed 60*l.* per ann. for one year commencing Lady day 1701. The officers names are given. 1 *page.*

March 25. 29. "Debt in ye office of his Maj^ties workes from December 1699 excl. to February 1701–2 incl." Signed by Sir Ch^r Wren and other officers. Dated 25 March 1702. 1 *page.*

[After March 25.] 30. Reasons offered to the Lord High Treasurer "by Francis [Frances] D'Auverquer[k] to move his Lo^p to allow the articles lately disallowed by him in the last accompt, lately rendered by Monsr D'Auverquerk, her husband, Master of the Horse to His late Maj^ty King William." Allowances are solicited to Lady day 1702. 2½ *pages.*

March 25. 31. "An abstract of the state of the debt due for the ordinary and extraordinary expens̃ of His late Maj̃s houshold and stables, for one year and half, from Michas 1700 to Lady day 1702."
Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen at St James's 16 July 1703. The household has had its share out of arrears." 1 *page.*

March 25. 32. "A copy of Her Maties establishm^t of the ministers of the French and Dutch chappell at St James's," from Lady-day 1702.
Edward Nicholas, Esq., was charged with the payment. 1½ *pages.*

March 27. 33. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Andrew Bourgett as to duties and embezzlements of certain wines imported as Italian, which were French. They decline to recommend any reparation to him for the embezzlement, "for although in the course of managing the customs, there is always a guard upon all goods on board ship, and also upon lighters at the keys during their lyeing there, to prevent their being landed without payment of custome; yet the officers of the customes are never supposed to be in possession of the goods for the proprietor, or to have the custody thereof; but they are alwaies suppos'd to be in the possession of either the master of the ship, the wharfingers or their lightermen, or the proprietors or their agents." Dated 27 March 1702.
Minuted:—"Read 27 March 1702. My Lords can give him noe relief in this matter."
Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

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[About 27 March.] 34. Petition of Charles Hore to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a reward for the discovery of a great fraud in Her Majesty's brewhouse at St Katharines, by taking away the first worts from the beer, to the prejudice of the revenue and the health of the sailors. On which the House of Commons had addressed the Queen.

Minuted:—" March 27th 1702. Read.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 12, p. 292, 18 Sept. 1704, is a notice of the consideration of a sum to be allowed the " Hores " for this or a similar discovery, there said to be in the Victualling Office. 1 *small page.*

28 March. 35. A list of three regiments of horse shipped in the Thames for Holland, between 27 Feb. and 1 March 1701–2.

Dated Transport Office, March 28, 1702, showing the names of the regiments, the numbers, &c. 1 *page.*

30 March. 36. Report of the officers of ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Henry Hayward, carpenter, for repair of certain wharfs at Sheerness. Not objecting to the allowance of his bill if their Lordships saw fit. Dated 30 March 1702.

Also the petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—" Agreed." 4 *pages.*

[About 31 March.] 37. A paper docquetted:—" Memll for the Marq[uis] D'Arzeliers." In consideration of his having passed the sea with His Majesty in his expedition of 1688, and because he joined Mr Coxe in Switzerland, the King granted him 100*l.* per ann. There were due up to the last day of March 1702, 500*l.* He afterwards went to Genoa, where the 100*l.* per annum was continued, and 30*l.* for the carriage of letters; 260*l.* were due for the same, and 297*l.* were further due; the whole claim was for 1,057*l.* 10*s.* He also begged for a continuation of the 100*l.* per ann. since the accession. (*French.*)

Minuted:—" P. seal for 100*l.* a year from the Queen's coming to ye cr. to continue dur. pleasur and ye charge not exceeding 30*l.* a year for extrãys." 1 *page.*

[About March or April.] 38. Petition of Captain Thomas Orme, one of the gentlemen pensioners, to the House of Commons, praying the House to recommend him to Her Majesty for a reward or employment in consideration of his services and sufferings to the hazard of his life and fortune.

A recommendation of him to the King, signed by a great number of bishops, members of parliament, &c., setting forth his services and sufferings, from which it would appear that if news had not arrived of the King's coming " to free us from Popery, slavery, and arbitrary power," he " most certainly would have been executed;" praying for the King's favour and consideration to him.

The petition is also accompanied by number 2,318 of the London Gazette. 4 *pages.*

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1702. March. 39. Various proposals for remitting money for payment of the forces in Holland, viz., by bills of exchange payable in Holland, Rotterdam, or Amsterdam.

The proposers were Francis de Caseres, Nathaniel French, the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Nicholas Santini and partners, including Sir Theodore Janssen and Sir Stephen Evance. 7 *pages.*

[Early in April.] 40. Letter from Mr. Isaac Newton to the Lords of the Treasury, praying orders as to the coronation medals, the time being short. The silver medals might be 22 and the gold 20 in the pound weight troy. If a pound weight were divided into 18 medals they would take the impression better, for the former gold medals were too thin. The coinage duty, in the opinion of the Attorney General, was inapplicable to this service, and other money would be requisite. ½ *page.*

1 April 1702. 41. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords [of the Treasury] on the petition of Edmund Smith, consul in the Canaries, who was recommended by the King for a place in the customs and for a weekly allowance till a place was vacant, in consideration of his great sufferings and losses by "the inquisition;" praying for the place of collector at Chester; giving the result of their examination of him and their objections to appointing him; recommending that he be appointed as an additional land surveyor. Dated 1 Apr. 1702. 1¼ *pages.*

2 Apr. 1702. 42. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the L^ds of the Treasury on the petition of the officers of the late Earl of Macclesfield's regiment as to respites. Dated 2 April 1702.

Minuted:—"9 June 1702. My Lord cañot advise the taking off these respits."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

2 April. 43. A schedule of sums payable on Maundy Thursday, 2 April 1702, in the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office. 1 *page.*

3 April. 44. Estimate of the charge of shipping and provisions for 420 horses for 3 months, and accommodation for 400 men; and also what the further charge thereof would be per month. Dated 3 April 1702. 1½ *pages.*

6 April. 45. "A proportion of provisions for 600 men 6 months." Showing the amounts and value of each item. Dated 6 April 1702. 1 *page.*

9 April. 46. Letter signed N. Wright to Mr. Ellis at the Earl of Manchester's office in Whitehall. As the Queen desired he should receive the same salary which he had in the late King's time, he asked that a warrant might be prepared, and paid from Christmas last, and from quarter to quarter, and up to the day he might cease to fill the office of Keeper of Her Majesty's Seal. Dated 9 April 1702. 1 *page.*

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10 April. 47. Letter from Charles Hore to the Lords of the Treasury. Had waited a long time by direction of Mr. Edward Harley, Chairman to the Committee of Parliament appointed to examine into his complaint against the Queen's brewhouse at St Katherine's. His complaint had saved the Government (as it appeared to the House of Commons) between 4,000*l.* and 5,000*l.* per ann.; if their Lordships thought that service and 12 months spent in the discovery deserved no reward, he should content himself in having so far served his country. He knew some who had received a sum from their Lordships to the value of what they discovered. He desired to know if their Lordships would reward him or no, that he might pursue other methods and no longer neglect his business in fruitless attendance at the board. Dated April 10, 1702.

Minuted:—"My Lords are informing themselves of his services." 1 *page.*

April 14. 48. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Richard Marshall, collector of customs of the port of Whitehaven, giving an account of the method of paying the collector of that port from the year 1672. At the beginning of their commission the trade of the port was about 700*l.* per ann., and it had increased to 40,000*l.* per ann. They recommend an increase of 30*l.* per ann. Dated 14 April 1702.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and two other subordinate documents. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 14. 49. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching a clause lately brought into the House of Commons, as to the importation of Hungary wines. Dated 14 April 1702.

Also copy of the clause. 3 *pages.*

April 14. 50. From the same to the same, touching lists of bonds due and unpaid, the last days of payment whereof were expired. Dated 14 April 1702.

Also an account of all wine and tobacco bonds remaining in the hands of the Receiver General of Customs. 2 *pages.*

About 14 April 1702. 51. Petition of the captains of the regiment of dragoons stationed in Kent, commanded by Colonel William Lloyd, for arrears of pay.

Referred to Comrs of Customs.

Also copy of an order as to the said troops of 23 June 1698. 2 *pages.*

[About 14 April.] 52. Petition of the Dean and Canons of Her Majesty's Free-Chapel of St. George in the Castle of Windsor to the Queen. Their Lordships had approved of a report made by the Surveyor General agreeing to an exchange of lands between them and Richard Dalton, Gent., and consenting to an Act of Parliament for confirmation, which Act could not be obtained except the Queen signified her consent to the committee of both houses. They prayed that as they had

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been so long out of possession of their lands, had been at considerable charges to perfect the agreement, which had passed through all the forms of the Treasury, and as the bill had been read twice and the sessions drew to an end, Her Majesty would give directions to the Lords of the Treasury thereon.

Undated, but about 14 April 1702. See *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 150. 1 *page*.

[About 14 April.] 53. Letter from Richard Dalton, Esq., to William Lowndes, Esq., on the same subject, praying for 1,300*l.* to be paid him for his fee-farm.

Minuted:—"To be layd before the Queen."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 150, 14 April 1702, is the order for the issue of the 1,300*l.* 1 *page*.

14 April. 54. Memorial from the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, submitting that there was ordered to the Exchequer for Seignior Verrio for subsistence of himself and painters 10*l.* a week for 26 weeks from 25 December 1701 to 25 June 1702, 260*l.*; and he had received only 50*l.*, 210*l.* being due. Dated April 14, 1702.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye King. Read to ye Queen 9th June 1702. To be paid. 1 *small page*.

15 April. 55. Letter from the Earl of Pembroke to the Lords of the Treasury: the Com^rs^ of the Navy had communicated to him their difficulty as to money for the course of the office, amounting to 85,000*l.*; the Treasury had also been informed thereof. At a time like this when it was necessary to contract for hemp and other commodities, he thought this a matter of very great importance and sent a copy of their letter. Dated 15 April 1702.

The enclosure referred to, dated 13 April 1702. 2 *pages*.

15 April. 56. Memorial of Mr. Isaac Newton to the "Rt. Hon. Sidney Lord Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer of England." He had lately laid before His Lordship an account of the charge of medals of gold and silver for the coronation, amounting to 2,485*l.* 18*s.* 3½*d.*, for which he had 1,886*l.* 6*s.* 3½*d.* in hand, being the remainder of the balance of Mr. Neale's account. Out of this remainder several sums had been paid on account of the country mints, other sums due exceeded the remainder If these were placed on the coinage duty the remainder would be clear except his Lordship allowed out of it for rebuilding the press house and paying Mr. Weddell a salary of 60*l.* per ann. Praying his Lordship's warrant to the Auditors of Imprests, and for the residue of this account to be paid out of such fund as his Lordship thought meet. Dated 15 April 1702.

Minuted:—"Speak to ye Aud^rs^ when they come."

Also the account referred to. 1½ *pages*. [*Holograph*.]

7 April. 57. Memoranda as to tallies ordered by the Lords of the Treasury out of loans to be made by the Treasurer of the Navy, &c. 1 *page*.

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17 April. 58. "A state of the Earle of Drogheda's demand of an arreare due to his lordship to compleat the off-reckonings of his late regimt to the time of their being disbanded in Ireland."

Report and certificate of "W. Robinson, Deputy Recr Genl" thereon.

Minuted:—"Read 5 May 1702. The property of this money according to Mr. Robinson's Report seems to be in the officers and soldiers. Prepare a warrt to pay this as an arrear due to his regimt & so that the collonel may be answerable to the demands of ye officers & soldiers if anything be due to them." 3 *pages.*

17 April. 59. Letter from Ed. Lloyd to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the payment of the salaries of the Masters in Chancery and the Judges, viz., the judges 250*l.* and the masters 25*l.* apiece which is 275*l.* for the 11 masters, the Master of the Rolls being the 12th master being otherwise provided for. He says:—"They are, you know Sr, imployed in all 'messuages' between both houses & are to buy gowns to walk the procession at the coronation."

Certificate of Lord Halifax on the same subject. 2 *half pages.*

18 April. 60. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of "his Majts Treasury" (*sic*) "touching the allowance to Mr. Godolphin's clerks and incydent charges of that office." Dated 18 April 1702.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also joiners' and other bills connected with that office. 4½ *pages.*

20 April. 61. Presentment from Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury asking for an imprest to their cashier. Dated 20 April 1702.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

23 April. 62. Report of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mr. Francis Herne, late of Cadiz, merchant, as to certain bills. Dated 23 April 1702.

Minuted:—"These bills are to be accepted & p̃d."

Enclosed is a copy of another paper relating thereto. 1½ *pages.*

24 April. 63. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. They learnt that a charter was being prepared by the Attorney General for the royal signet, to unite the two East India Companies, and that a clause was to be inserted, that the common seal of the company should be taken as a security for the duties of goods imported, instead of the particular securities which had for many years been taken. They moved their Lps that no such clause should pass. If it had not been for the advantage the crown had of late years, by taking particular sureties, the duties payable by the old company would have come very slowly out of their hands. By the charters to the old company, they ought to give good and sufficient bond, with sureties, to the use of the crown, and by the Lord Chief Baron and his brethren this had been construed to intend special and particular security, and they saw no reason why the two companies, when united, should be under

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less obligation. In 1691 the Com^rs had looked into the case, and had insisted upon special and particular security, and had ever since made it the practice both with the old and new companies. They send copy of their report of 2 Jan. last, wherein is stated the case of both the companies in relation to the payment of their customs, with their several discounts, allowances, and securities. Dated 24 April 1702.

Accompanied by the report named, and a report by J. Bridges, solicitor to the Customs, as to the method of proceeding in the Court of Exchequer against a corporation upon Her Majesty's bonds. 4 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

25 April. 64. Letter of James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury as to a thousand tons more shipping being provided for land soldiers to go with the fleet. Dated 25 April 1702.

Minuted :—" An order to Capt. Atkinson & Mr. Roope to provide this."

28th Apr., a w^t signed by the Lords of the Treasury for taking up these transports. 1 *page 4to.*

27 April. 65. Letter from the same to the same, signifying Her Majesty's pleasure that two of the "biggest" packet boats, lately employed between England and the Groin, and then laid up at Falmouth, should be delivered for the service of the navy. Dated 27 April 1702.

Minuted :—" An order to deliver these by indr̃e. between them and the Com^rs or Officers of ye Navy, whereof one part to be transmitted . . . . ." 1 *page, quarto.*

28 April. 66. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury on the representation of Richard Cocks, Esq., Receiver General for the county of Gloucester, highly favourable to the manner in which he had made his payments, they being the most early of any receivers in England. Dated 28 April 1702.

Also his application for continuance in that appointment. 2 *pages.*

28 April. 67. Letter from the Lord High Admiral to the Lords of the Treasury, with an estimate from the Com^rs of the Navy of what would be wanting for wages by Michaelmas then following. Dated 28 Apr. 1702.

Also the estimate. 3 *pages.*

29 April. 68. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, expressing their inability, with their other duties, to undertake the management of the prize ships and goods, with which they found by the bill for encouragement of privateers, it was intended they should be burthened. Dated 29 April 1702. 1 *page.*

30 April. 69. Letter by direction of the Lord High Admiral to William Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury. His Lordship had con-

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sidered the case of Captain Crosse, who had been charged with embezzling goods out of the St Peter prize, and was suspended from his employment. His Lordship was willing to restore him to a command if he gave security to the Exchequer for payment of 200*l.* if demanded. Dated 30 April 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 1 May 1702. "Lett him pay 200*l.* into ye excheqr for the proceed of goods taken in the St Peter prize, & upon producing the tallys my Lords will intimate ye same to my Lord high admirall." 1½ *pages.*

30 April. 70. Civil List money in the Exchequer which became due before 8 March 1701–2. Dated 30 April 1702.

The money remaining in the Exchequer for this purpose was 37,617*l.* 3*s.* 6¾*d.*, and the payments to be made, of which the items are given, amounted to 163,095*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* 1½ *pages.*

30 April. 71. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Lord Viscount Tiviott, on behalf of himself and the officers of his regiment, as to the allowances to be made to that regiment. Dated 30 April 1702.

Minuted:—"Ordrd 1st May 1702. 754*l.* on accot of ye 700,000li." Also the memorial. 2½ *pages.*

30 April. 72. Letter signed Humphrey Jones to William Lowndes, Esq., reminding him of the poor creditors of the navy, who were very sensible of the many instances of his charity and kindness, and still begged the continuance of his favour in giving their affair despatch. Dated 30 Apr. 1702. 1 *page.*

[About April.] 73. Petition of Captain Peter Delaval to the Lords of the Treasury. He had served long in the late wars and was wounded, for which he received a pension of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day. He was obliged to live in the country for the recovery of his health and cure of his wounds, and there remained due to him 244*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, for three years and ten months of his pension; praying for the arrears.

Minuted:—"17 June 1702. No fund for this." 1 *page 4to.*

[? April or May.] 74. Petition of Charles Colinge, late yeoman of the bows and guns to his late Majesty, addressed to the "Lords Comrs of the Treasury," praying to be restored to his place, which had been sunk. Undated, but addressed to the "Lords Comrs" of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"14 July 1702. Not granted." 1 *page.*

April and May. 75. Various papers containing memoranda of the proceedings of the Committee on Public Accounts. In one of them is a draft of the minutes of their meeting on 16 April 1702, when they appointed the Rev. William Stratford, student of Christ Church, Oxford, to read prayers in their office, which was in Spring Gardens. 23 *pages and 5 halves.*

1 May. 76. "Certificate of 5 colls of marines that they desire Mr. Whitfeild may be made paymr of the marines." Dated 1 May 1702. 1 *page.*

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2 May. 77. Report of the Com^rs of Customs, Dublin, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Robert Sandys, late collector at Athlone, relating to a sum of about 100*l.* taken from him by thieves: in favour of the petitioner. Dated 2 May 1702.

Minuted:—"Write to the Com^rs that my Lord thinks it may make a bad presid^t to make all[owance] for pretended robery, but if they think ye pet^r was really robd and was in no default his Lo^p is inclind that they should consider him some other way."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 4 *pages.*

May 2. 78. Order of Council for continuing the allowance by privy seal of 50*l.* per ann. for a minister and 30*l.* per ann. for a school master in Pennsylvania, out of the 1*d.* per pound on tobacco exported from that province, &c. Dated 2 May 1702.

Minuted:—"5 June 1702. Order'd." 1¼ *pages.*

May 3. 79. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh and Lord Coningsby on the memorial of Charles Lord Mohun, executor of the Earl of Macclesfield, relating to a debt of 1,148*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* for clothing a regiment. Dated 3 May 1702.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^t for remitting this mo. to my Lord Macclesfield's ex^r, with so much as ye exch^ge comes to at ye time of this remittance." 1 *page.*

May 7. 80. Acco^t of the funds for the year 1702, and how much thereof is already issued in part of the appropriations by Act of Parliament, &c. Dated 7 May 1702. 2 *pages.*

May 12. 81. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Marshall and others "compter" securities to Joshua Lomax, Esq., one of the sureties of Ralph Jackson, late collector of excise; recommending a compromise; the said Jackson and his securities being prosecuted in the Court of Exchequer, and the several sums received being difficult to be proved by the solicitor. Dated 12 May 1702.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^t according to ye report, but let the appropriated moneys have their whole shares, and the mony to be discharged be placed to ye acc^t of hered^ry & temp^o excise." 3½ *pages.*

May 12. 82. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the L^d [High Treasurer] on the petition of several merchants of London, relating to a doubt concerning the payment of debentures upon the further subsidy and transport duty. Dated 12 May 1702.

Also the petition, with many signatures. 2 *pages.*

[About May 12.] 83. Petition of Thomas Viscount Duplin, of the kingdom of Scotland, assignee of the Earl of Kinnoul, to the Ld High Treasurer, for payment of a perpetuity of 1,000*l.* a year granted to the Earl of Kinnoul by King Charles II., and arrear thereof, amounting to 18,500*l.*, out of the duties of 4½ per cent. in Barbadoes and the Caribbee islands.

Minuted:—"2 June 1702. A warr^t for one year out of 4½ p.c."

Also certificate from the Exchequer in corroboration thereof. Dated 12 May 1702. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

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1702. [About May 13.] 84. Petition of Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Bart., to the Queen, showing that in 35 & 36 Charles II., Chief Justice Jeffereys gave a most arbitrary and illegal judgment against him, whereby he was fined 10,000*l.* and confined close prisoner until it should be paid. He continued close prisoner for five years, till the accession of King William III. Process had been issued against the petitioner's real and personal estate, and as much as could be discovered was seized, and about 7,000*l.* were paid into the Exchequer, and by extortion, embezzlement, and tyranny the petitioner was damnified above 20,000*l.*

Further, 1,905*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* of the petitioner's own money, which was paid into the Exchequer on the 5 of Nov. 1688, was paid to the Earl of Ranelagh for the forces. On the petitioner's appeal to the House of Lords, the judgment was reversed and declared null, as being illegal and arbitrary, and afterwards confirmed by Act of Parliament; but he had received no satisfaction for his great sufferings, nor for the last-mentioned sum, beyond the bare principal, and that after 12 years petitioning; out of which sum was also taken 100*l.* by the Exchequer officers for pretended fees; praying for the interest on the 1,905*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*, and for the 100*l.*

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer, 13 May 1702.

Minuted :—"Read to ye Queen 9 June 1702. The Queen is not pleased to grant ye interest." 1 *page.*

May 13. 85. Letter from Sir Charles Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer signifying the Queen's pleasure that he should give orders to the officers of customs to assist the officers of the fleet in procuring seamen to man the fleet, and in putting them on board, especially at Bristol, Plymouth, Newcastle, Yarmouth, Hull, Chichester, "Bredhemston," Hastings, Feversham, Foulkeston, Shoreham, Rye, Colchester, or any other places where it was likely seamen might be had. Dated Whitehall, 13 May 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 14. 86. Letter of Caspar Frederick Henning, keeper of the late King's privy purse, probably intended for Mr. Lowndes; sending a memorial to the Lord High Treasurer and "a state of the debt owing on account of the privy purse of his late Majestie, as it stood on the 8th of March last." Dated 14 May 1702. 3 *pages.*

May 15. 87. Letter from Sir Charles Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer. A memorial of Mr. Toger Wegersloff, the King of Denmark's commissary in England, having been laid before the Queen, Her Majesty desired orders to be given to clear the 10 Danish ships therein named from the embargo, that they might proceed on their voyage, provided they carried no seamen of the Queen's subjects. Dated 15 May 1702.

Minuted :—"W^t^ signd 18 May 1702." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 15. 88. "Port of London. Acco^t^ of coal duty for a year, vizt from 15 May 1701, exclusive, to 15 May 1702, inclusive."

Apparently one of a series numbered 4. 1 *page.*

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May 16. 89. Petition of the keepers of the forest of Dean to the Ld High Treasurer for the payment of their salaries out of the wood sales. Dated 16 May 1702.

Minuted:—"1 July 1702. Two years to be p^d in the usual manner." 1 *page*.

May 18. 90. "An acco^t of mony due to the R^t Hon. the Earle of Manchester, vizt:—

As ambassador in France.
As Secretary of State.
As captain of the yeomen of the guard."

Minuted:—"18th May 1702. To be laid before the Queen, in ye meantime to inquire into the comencem^t of the subseq^t Sec^rys of State's pa[tent]s.

"The patents for appointing the Earl of Nottingham and Sir Cha. Hedges principall sec^rys of state, comence from Lady day 1702. These patents contain only a fee of 100^li p ann. apeice, but the privy seals for their respective allowances of 1,850^li p ann. apeice, or for their secret services, are not yet passed, and will be made to comence from such days or times as Her Majesty shall direct." 1 *page*.

May 18. 91. Letter of Sir Charles Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer transmitting the copy of a petition as to certain Danish ships and one Swede which had been presented to the Queen. Her Majesty's pleasure was that the ships mentioned should be cleared from the embargo, &c. Dated 18 May 1702.

Also the petition. 2 *pages*.

May 19. 92. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty's pleasure was that the 60*l*. for furnishing horses, &c., and the 35*l*. for providing shackles, &c. for the horses, should be provided in accordance with the Duke of Ormond's memorial. Dated 19 May.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page, quarto*.

May 19. 93. Report of Lord Coningsby to the [Lord High Treasurer] on the memorial of Captain Robert Gardner on behalf of Brigadier Selwin's regiment in Jamaica, as to payment of that regiment. Dated 19 May 1702.

The report written on the back of the memorial.

Minuted:—"29 May 1702. To be brought in when my Ld Coningsby & Mr. Heathcott are here on Tuesday next." 2½ *pages*.

[About May 20.] 94. Petition of Sir James Hayes, Bart., to the Lord High Treasurer. He had lost 500*l*. per ann. by the crown in the reign of King Charles II., had received many wounds and sustained great losses in the wars of Hungary, Germany, and Flanders, and had served the government in three late kings' reigns, and having continued a prisoner in Wood St. Counter for debt, was then a prisoner at large in the Fleet, till he could pay for chamber rent and

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fees: praying for a pension or present supply, having received no assistance these eight years out of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"Read 20 May 1702. My Lord cannot advise ye Queen to grant any new pension." 1 *page.*

May 20. 95. Report of the officers of works to the Lord High Treasurer sending the charges of his late Majesty's funeral and her Majesty's coronation, asking for payment. Dated 20 May 1702.

Minuted:—"15 July 1702. The list has no date & not signd by ye present comptroller. My Lord will speak wth ye officers of ye works, who are to attend this day sennight in ye morning. "Directed 21 July 1702." 2 *pages.*

May 20. 96. Letter of Sir Charles Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer as to the clearing of nine Danish ships from the embargo, &c. Dated 20 May 1702.

Also the memorial of the Danish commissary thereon. 2 *pages.*

[About May 20.] 97. Papers as to certain claims for clearings, &c. made by Mr. William Fownes, agent to Col. Rosse's dragoons, on which W. Robinson, deputy receiver general, had reported.

The report is *minuted*:—"May 20th 1702. Her Ma^ty^ signed a warrant for paying Coll. Ross 500^li^ as of her Ma^tys^ bounty, & wch was promised him by the late King, and is designed to be in full satisfaction of all his pretencions contained in these papers." 2½ *pages.*

May 21. 98. Letter from the Board of Green Cloth to William Lowndes, Esq., sending an account of the expense of the entertainment of several ambassadors from the year 1685 to the late King's decease.

The account referred to. After the last entry, which was 710*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.* for the Savoy ambassador at Ossulston House, in 1699, is:—"This last entertainm^t^ was complained of as very mean." 2 *pages.*

[May 22.] 99. "An acco^t^ shewing the sums directed by a scheme to be paid at the Exchequer between the 25th December 1701 and 25th June following; with what has been issued in part thereof to 22th May 1702, and how much remains to compleat the same." 1 *page.*

May 22. 100. An estimate made by the Earl of Montague of the charge of the late King's funeral and Her Majesty's coronation, "both to be performed in less than a month." The estimate for the funeral when designed "from the Princesses chamber, next the House of Lords, was 3,500*l.*," but upon other orders given by the Committee of Council for the funeral, viz., the great withdrawing-room at Kensington to be hung with black cloth, the great bedchamber with purple cloth, a "state and canopy of the same," a pall and canopy of purple velvet, a chariot that cost 300*l.*, eight horse-cloths of purple cloth down to the ground, the great withdrawing [room] at St James's to be hung with the finest purple cloth, the yeomen of the guard mourning liveries with "cawles" and black

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fringes for their partizans, crape bonnet-bands, black swords, gloves, &c., with other things not thought of; the estimate amounted to 6,268*l.* 7*s.* 6½*d.*

The coronation estimate was about 10,000*l.*, but there being several tradesmen in the office put in by Lord Preston, who had great sums due to them, and had put down the prices higher, they were discontinued and it then amounted to 7,439*l.* 8*s.* 5¼*d.* Dated 22 May 1702. 1 *page.*

May 22. 101. "An accompt of what has been paid by the Rt honble Richd Earle of Ranelagh to the 13 new raised regimts both for levy money and subsistence." Dated 22 May 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 22. 102. Letter from John Key to the Ld High Treasurer. Mr. Lowndes had told him that his Lordship spoke very kindly of him when his petition was read. He was still unprovided for. His Lordship was now in such a station that his countenance might be like rain upon the mown grass to him and his family; praying his Lordship to bestow on him what he thought fit.

Minuted:—"R. to C. Customs." 2 *small pages.*

May 23. 103. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer about adjusting the clause in the charter which concerned the security to be given by the East India Company, showing the several duties on importations, &c. Dated 23 May 1702.

Enclosed is copy of their report of 2 Jan. 1701, and an extract from the draft of the charter for uniting the two East India Companies. 6 *pages.*

May 24. 104. Letter of Capt. G. Delavale to William Lowndes, Esq. He was suffering violently from the scurvy. Would Mr. Lowndes inform his Lordship that at the Committee of Council there was no mention of his maintaining the Moors, but the 500*l.* was ordered for the support of himself and family. It seemed to him that he should have been entitled to the 500*l.* whether he had succeeded in redeeming the captives or no. The bill of charges was not barely for their maintenance in their passage, but during the time of the treaty, which was spent chiefly on board for five months. His Majesty allowed for their coming over and maintained them here, and it was probable would have sent them back at his own charge. He ran the hazard of being made a slave himself to make his countrymen free. They were most of them in Her Majesty's ships, and he believed Her Majesty since the fitting of the grand fleet, had not got so many seamen at so small a charge as those he had delivered in.

On the back are memoranda of his claims and there are three minutes, the last of which is:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. 500*l.* to be allow'd instead of 671*l.* 3/ 10." 1½ *pages.*

[*See also* Cal. of Treasury Papers, Vol. LXXIII. 29.]

May 24. 105. Letter from the Earl of Oxford to the Lord [High Treasurer?] begging him to represent to the Queen that he lay under a weight of 6,000*l.* debt, for which his creditors (now privilege ceases) would

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give him no quarter. His two daughters were on his hands without any provision. His appointments were small and loaded with taxes. Dated May 24.

Minuted:—"17 June 1702. To be put among ye Queens papers. Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. Her Maty doth not find herself in circumstances this year to increase his allowances by any bounty, tho' she shall always have a consideracon of him & his condicon." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About May 26.] 106. Petition of Marmaduke Dean and William Nicholas to the Lord High Treasurer for renewing their patent as controller of customs in the port of Chester.

Minuted:—"Granted 26 May 1702." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About May 26.] 107. Petition of Edward Hildeyard, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be reappointed steward of the courts of the manor of Richmond in Surrey, he having been superseded by Mr. Latton.

Minuted:—"26 May 1702. Granted." 1 *page.*

[Before May 26.] 108. Report of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General, to the Lords of the Treasury, giving his opinion on the points raised in an extract from the surveyor general's report made upon the petition of John Peters, gent., touching the [grant of the] manor or lordship of Epworth, in the county of Lincoln, the manors or lordships of Wyberton and Langton, near Horncastle, in the same county, and the manor of Stapleford-Abbots *alias* Stapleford-Regis, in the county of Essex, mortgaged to Sir George de Carteret, knt. and bart., Lieut.-Governor of the Island of Jersey. Also as to a lease of certain lead mines in Yorkshire, excepted out of a grant made to Lofthouse and Beck by King Philip and Queen Mary; again as to a place called Hand Alley, in the parish of St. Botolph without Bishopsgate, with the houses thereon; and the ground adjoining to Still Alley in Houndsditch; and further the estate of Thomas White *alias* Whitebread, convicted of high treason in the reign of Charles II., viz., the site of the dissolved monastery of Newnham *alias* Newenham in the county of Bedford. These last premises were found in 1689 to have been held by the Lord Petre for the use of an English nunnery in Normandy.

The report gives some account of the history of these properties and touches upon the Queen's title to them.

Minuted:—"26 May 1702. To be laid before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen 9th June 1702. The Queen thinks ye grant desired will be vexatious."

There are other minutes also in the margin of the Attorney General's report. 6 *pages and* 2 *quarters.*

May 28. 109. Representation made by George Dodington as to the difficulties in stating and preparing the accounts of the Earl of Orford, late Treasurer of the Navy. Dated 28 May 1702.

[These accounts extended over the whole time the Treasurer held the office, viz., 13 years, and contained receipts and payment of above seventeen million pounds.] $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

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May 28. 110. New England. State of the account of the revenue in the province of Massachusets Bay, from 27 May 1701 to 28 May 1702. 1 *page.*

[? May 28.] 111. Debtor and creditor account of the farm of the Royal Oak [Lottery ?] 1½ *pages.*

May 29. 112. Memorial of Lord Halifax, auditor of the receipt, to the Ld High Treasurer of England for allowances to his clerks in managing the matters relating to the Exchequer bills. Dated 29 May 1702.
Minuted:—" A warr^t^ for another year as the last was." ½ *page.*

May 29. 113. Petition of Thomas Atterbury to the Lord High Treasurer. He had spent his youth and was desirous of spending his whole life in the service of the crown, but was driven out by the fury of some particular persons in power during the late reign, praying for some employment for the remainder of his life.
Minuted:—" 29 May 1702. My Lord will consider him when there is a vacancy." ¾ *of a page.*

[About May 29.] 114. Petition of Milburne Madox, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that he had served Kings Charles the First and Second by land and sea, and the Duke of York, under the command of the Earl of Falmouth, and particularly when the Earl was killed at sea, for which he and his fellow soldiers received a pension of 2*s.* a day to the time of King William's reign, when not expecting that King William would have continued his pension, he went into Wales to live on the charity of his friends and relations, where he had continued. He found, however, that his brother pensioners had received their pay until within four or five years past; but he, being 100 miles from London, and never having any notice thereof, had not received one penny, and now came to London to petition Her Majesty for his arrears.
Minuted:—" 29 May 1702. There is no provision made for these arrears." 1 *page.*

[? About May 29.] 115. Petition of Richard Backwell, one of the three younger sons of Edward Backwell, Esq., deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that on any alteration taking place in the management of the duties of excise, he might be appointed a commissioner.
Minuted:—" Read 29 May 1702. The pet^rs^ request cannot be gratified." 1 *page.*

[About May 29.] 116. Petition of John Latton to the Lord High Treasurer for the renewing of his patent as searcher of the customs at Plymouth.
Minuted:—" 29 May 1702. Orderd." 1 *page 4to.*

[? About May 29.] 117. Report unsigned, on the memorial of Sir Thomas Knatchbull, Bart., as to his pay as Commissary General of the two late marine regiments.
Also the memorial which was read 29 May 1702. 2 *pages.*

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1702. [? About May 29.] 118. Memorial of Peregrine, Lord Marquis of Carmarthen, to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that Sir Robert Howard, Kn^t^, deceased, had a grant of the office of writer of the Tallies, &c., at the receipt of the Exchequer, and a house in the precincts of St. Stephen, Westminster, and an annual fee of 316*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, Sir Robert Long, Kn^t^ and Bart., deceased, being his predecessor. Sir Robert Howard was afterwards admitted auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer. King Charles II. in the 26th year of his reign granted to the Marquis of Carmarthen the same offices and the annual fee of 316*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the aforesaid house, &c. On the death of Sir Robert Howard three of the Lords of the Treasury admitted Christopher Mountague, Esq., in trust for Lord Hallifax, and soon after the then Lords of the Treasury admitted Lord Hallifax to those offices without any right so to do: praying to be admitted to those offices.

Minuted:—" 29 May 1702. To be laid before ye Queen with a copy of ye minute, when Mr Att & Soll^r^ Gen^ll^ did attend last ab^t^ this matter. The minutes are wth in." 1½ *pages.*

May 30. 119. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Henry Pike, late purser of the ship Dover, concerning a verdict obtained against him in the Court of Exchequer, to the value of 200*l.*, for a parcel of linen cloth, the duties of which were not paid, recommending that he should answer for the duties, &c. Dated 30 May 1702.

Minuted:—" 5 June 1702. Agreed to ye report." 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May. 120. Petition of Arthur Shallett, of London, merchant, to the Lord High Treasurer. The petitioner was indebted 26,605*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for customs and excise which he had failed to pay, and for which his goods were sold, and he was imprisoned in the Marshalsea, praying process to cease, &c.

Minuted:—" A copy of this petition to be referred to ye Com^rs^ of Customes so far as relates to y^em^. Another copy to be referred to ye Com^rs^ Excise ut supra."

Also copy of an earlier memorial from him, and a letter as to bonds owing by him. 3 *pages.*

May. 121. Memorial of the officers of the marine regiments. The marine regiments were in a deplorable condition during the last war for want of a particular paymaster, multitudes of them having starved through the neglect of those under whose government they were at that time. Being apprehensive they should fall under the like misfortune, they had petitioned for and obtained Walter Whitfeild, Esq., as their paymaster, and had subscribed out of their own pay for an allowance to him. They desire his L^ps^ directions that he might enter on his business speedily. They were no part of the 40,000 men granted by Parliament for the land service, but a separate body under the Ld High Admiral, and paid out of the money appropriated to the navy, wherefore they conceived that the paymaster general of the land forces had no manner of right nor

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pretence to pay them, and they requested that they might have no concern with him.

Whitfield's appointmt is 16 May, 1 Anne. See *Audit Office Enrolments*, Vol. XV. p. 479, and this is about that date. 1 *page, much decayed.*

May. 122. A list of all the patent offices granted during pleasure, which are to be renewed by warrants countersigned by the Lord High Treasurer or by his Lordships *fiant.* Dated May 1702. 5½ *pages.*

Also offices in the Duchy of Cornwall and in Wales, and other offices relating to Her Mats land revenues. 2 *pages.*

[? May.] 123. "Acct of money pd by Her Majesty's order for service of the household," more particularly in connection with the office of Master of the Horse.

Amongst the entries is—

[To] "Saml Aubery for a state coach made to carry the embassadors, and for the chaire which Her Majty was carried in at her coronation, 250*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*" 2 *pages.*

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June 1. 1. Letter of [Sir] William Trumbull to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing the copy of a petition of his sister's daughter, Mrs. Anne Bynns, and Mr. Richard Bynns a poor clergyman, who were entitled by the will of Col. Bynns to the arrears of his (the Colonel's) pension, pressing his Lordship to allow the same.

The petition referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 5 June 1702. My Lord can do nothing in this." 2 *pages.*

June 1. 2. Copy of Queen Anne's declaration for the encouragement of her ships of war and privateers. Dated 1st June 1702. 5½ *pages.*

June 1. 3. Petition of Thomas Jacob, of Taunton, in the county of Somerset, innholder. Petitioner in November 1688, when the King landed in the west, quartered 100 Dutch troopers, who were suddenly marched back to Exeter, which prevented the petitioner from being cleared. The notes for 137*l.* to pay petitioner were lost; prays payment. Indorsed "June the 1st."

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. My Ld cannot pay anything on this pretence." 1 *page.*

June 1. 4. Letter unsigned and unaddressed, docquetted "1 June 1702. Mr. Blount's sentimts about ye manner of keeping the public accots." He says, "The majority of the first commrs consisting of gentlemen that were bred merchants, carried the method of keeping all the

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accompts in the merchants way of Journal & Leiger, commonly called the Italian way." The method was good, and in many respects serviceable, but was insufficient in some respects. He mentions what he had proposed in 1693, and offers a method that might fully answer all the ends of the commission. Dated 1 June 1702. 1½ *pages.*

June 1. 5. Establishment of the six marine regiments, 1702. Dated 1 June 1702. 1 *page.*

June 2. 6. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Earl of Romney, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town and port of Newhaven in the county of Sussex, setting forth their danger from the war, and praying for three or four guns with carriages and ammunition for a fort at Seaford, which commands the whole bay, and would be a security against the insults of the enemy and a refuge for vessels. The officers of ordnance thought the request reasonable, but the petitioners had not ordnance or stores from the government during the last war, and to gratify them would encourage many more to desire the same and bring an extraordinary charge on the office. Dated 2 June 1702.

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

June 2. 7. Presentment by the Postmasters to the Lord High Treasurer, advising an increase of wages as in the late war to the commander and seamen of the packet boats employed in carrying the mails between England and Holland. Advising also the appointment of Muster Master to be allowed 40*s.* per month. Dated 2 June 1702.

Minuted:—" 24 June 1702. Agreed to & a warrt to be ꝑpared accordingly." 1 *page.*

June 2. 8. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Ld [High Treasurer] upon the petition of Judith Watson, who had prosecuted on behalf of the crown, Mary Saltmarsh, late of the parish of Lingsted in the county of Kent, widow, and Mary Crisp, late of the same, spinster, who had retired to Brussels, and were professed nuns, and so had forfeited their estates. The report is as to the bill for the prosecution. Dated 2 June 1702.

The petition and the case of Mary Saltmarsh and Mary Crisp, and another petition of Judith Wattson on the same subject.

The following subsequent minutes are on the back:—" 30 June 1702. My Lord dos not think fit to give her any more mony on this accot.

16 May 1705. My Lord adheres to his former minute." 1 *large and* 2 *smaller pages.*

June 3. 9. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of James Mackburny, praying to be appointed Secretary to the Comrs for managing the duties on salt, doubting his qualifications for the office. Dated 3 June 1702.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 4. 10. Memorial of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that they were at great expense in prosecuting

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receivers, &c., and for other incident charges for which they had been allowed 150*l.*, which was all expended: praying for a further sum. Dated 4 June 1702.

Also the bill of incident charges.

Minuted:—"150*l.* more for this out of arrears of taxes unappropriated." 2 *pages.*

June 5. 11. "Coppy of a precept from the Com^rs of Acc^ts to deliver on the 15 July quarterly acc^ts of the mony arising by the duty of hawkers and pedlars." 1¼ *pages.*

[?About June 5.] 12. Petition of Nathan Hickman, attorney-at-law, to the Lord High Treasurer, to be appointed solicitor to the office of wine licence.

Minuted:—"5 June 1702. Ref. to Com^rs Excise." ½ *page.*

[About June 5.] 13. Petition of Samuel Rhodes, late of Lincoln's Inn, gent. He had bought his place of clerk of the indorsements in the Alienation Office. A deputation was renewed to him in 1689, and immediately afterwards a deputation was granted to one Mr. Halpenny; the petitioner was put out of the commission of the peace for refusing King James three questions. He was also put out of his place in June 1689: praying to be reinstated.

Minuted:—"5 June 1702. Respited for some short time." 1 *page.*

[About June 5.] 14. Petition of James Isaacson, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that he had contrived the duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, and had been a commissioner for the same, but in the new commission was left out: praying to be appointed controller thereof.

Minuted:—"Read 5th June 1702. My L^d shall be glad to provide for him when there is any proper occasion." ½ *page.*

June 5. 15. Report of the Earl of Rochester, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, on two petitions of the Duke of Ormond to the Queen. He had seen a representation that if the duties of prizage and butlerage of wines, (belonging to the Duke) were collected by the royal officers, it would advance the revenue. He did not doubt that the advantage to the crown by the lease from the Duke of Ormond in seven years was 5864*l.* He hoped to be excused from giving an opinion on the prayer of the petition as to the overplus above 1,500*l.* per ann., as he conceived it could only fitly be determined by the Queen whether the petitioner should be gratified. His services were very eminent and his estate suffered very considerably at the Revolution. As for the memorial for the Queen to take a new lease for three years of the prizage at a rent of 2,500*l.* a year, if there were a prospect of peace and plenty, it might not be an unequal bargain, but as probably the war would not determine during the term of the lease, it might not be advisable. It might be more proper that the Queen should appoint her own officers to collect the duties and that accounts should be kept for the benefit of the Duke. Dated 5 June 1702.

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One of the petitions and the account of prizage.

Minuted :—" Read to ye Queen 9th June 1702. As to the overplus of the profits during the last term, if it had made less, the crown must have paid. For the future the Queen's officers are to collect the duty, and his grace is to have the benefit of it according to Lord Leivts Report." 4 *pages and a few lines.*

[About June 5.] 16. Address or letter of John Peters, gent., to the Ld High Treasurer as to four "articles" which had been recommended by the Attorney General to be laid before Her Majesty, apparently as to recovery of certain of his property ; asking his Lordship's mediation for the grant of a lease.

Minuted :—" Read 5 June 1702." 1 *page.*

June 8. 17. Report of the Comrs of Excise on the petition of John Warters, barrister-at-law, to be appointed secretary to the Comrs for managing the duties on salt, viz., that he might be a fit person.

Dated 8 June 1702.

Also his petition. 2 *pages.*

[About June 8.] 18. Petition of the churchwardens and other ancient inhabitants of the parish of St Margaret, Westminster, on behalf of the poor ; praying that the cloth laid from Westminster Hall to the west end of the Abbey, and used at the coronation, should be divided between the poor of St Margaret, St Martin, and St Clement's parishes, and that the boards and rails might be given to the poor of St Margaret's parish.

Minuted :—" Read 8th June 1702. My Lord Trear consents that ye petrs may have the boards and rayles as formerly." 1 *page.*

June 9. 19. "A list of papers to be laid before Her Maty."

The particulars in this paper are all entered in the *Minute Book,* Vol. II. p. 184, on 9 June 1702, and in addition the minutes of what was done in each case. 1 *large page.*

[About June 9.] 20. Petition of Maynhard, Duke of Schonburg and Leinster. Soon after the late King's arrival in England the House of Commons voted 100,000*l.* for the support of his father and family, and Sir Henry Capell was named trustee to lay it out in England, and to take care that his father had 5,000*l.* a year. On the death of his father, his brother Charles and himself had a privy seal for payment of the principal, and afterwards had 4 and 5 per cent. out of the Post Office, until the principal could be paid; but as the petitioner could not jointure a wife, nor provide for younger children, he prayed for the acceptance of the surrender of his patent, and a grant in lieu thereof of a patent for himself and his heirs in general terms, for the 5,000*l.* out of the Post Office, subject to the redemption of the principal.

Minuted :—" Read 9 June 1702. The Queen cannot lawfully make the grant desired." 1 *page.*

[About June 9.] 21. Petition of Nicholas, Bishop of Chester, to the Queen. The late King and Queen in June 1689 demised to Thomas Preston, Esq.

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the site of the monastry of Furneis, in the county of Lancaster, at 200*l.* per ann. Their Majestys settled the said rent to be paid to the petitioner for the maintenance of four ministers, called the King's preachers, established by Queen Elizabeth. The privy seal having determined by the death of the King, the petitioner prayed that the rent might be continued to him by another privy seal.

Minuted:—"Read 9th June 1702. Granted." 1 *page.*

June 9. 22. Application from C. W. Whitfeild to the Lord [High Treasurer] for 3,000*l.* to be put on board the fleet for the use of Col. Fox and Lord Shannon's regiment of marines, and five companies of Col. Villiers'. Dated 9 June 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 12. 23. Memorial from the trustees appointed for exchanging Exchequer Bills. On the 1st of June they opened new rolls for taking subscriptions for 500,000*l.* for circulating Exchequer bills, and 497,000*l.* were subscribed, 3,000*l.* being reserved, viz., 1,500*l.* for Thomas Nix, Esq., and 1,500*l.* for Brian Levens, Esq. Upwards of 500 persons, most of them substantial men, attended to subscribe, besides those admitted; and the crowd was so great that the trustees could not keep to any steady method in taking the subscriptions, &c. Dated 12 June 1702. 1 *page.*

June 12. 24. Letter signed "Ja: Isaacson," addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, sending copy of a presentment sent to their Lordships in August last by the Comrs for stamps, to which they made no reply. The three last clauses mention how necessary it was to appoint a commissioner to inspect the country. Prays to be appointed riding commissioner. Dated 12 June 1702.

Also the copy referred to.

Minuted:—"To be carryed in on Tuesday 23 June." 3 *pages.*

[About June 12.] 25. "Sir Wm Blacketts case in relacõn to the debt due to him from the Crown of Denmark."

The debt was occasioned by the taking of a cargo of cloth by Fredrick the Third, King of Denmark, he having occasion for the same in the year 1658. The cargo belonged to Sir William Blackett, father of the then Sir William. The various means used to obtain the payment of the debt are specified, all which had failed through the want of means of the Danish Government.

Minuted:—"Read 12 June 1702. When there is room to do Sir Wm Blacket any service my Lord will do as much as is in his power." 1 *page.*

June 12. 26. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning two warrants signed by the Queen, for paying certain regiments. Dated 12 June 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

[About June 14.] 27. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Edmund Rouse, Governor of Upnor Castle, to the Queen. He had set forth his hardships in having his company disbanded, immediately after he had new clothed them at

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a cost of 300*l.*, and he had no allowance as governor. Not to be burthensome to the Civil List, as he was informed there were considerable arrears of rent during the vacancy of the Mastership of the Savoy, he prayed that the 300*l.* might be paid him out of those rents, and for an annual allowance during the vacancy of the mastership.

Minuted:—"14 June 1702. The revenues of ye hospitall must be applyd to ye charitable use intended by ye Founder." 1 *page.*

June 15. 28. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the petition of Samuel Dale, landwaiter in the port of London, praying leave to surrender his place to John Digby, deputy patent waiter in the same port, reserving an allowance of 40*l.* per ann. out of the salary during life. They had nothing to object to the fitness of the said Digby. In the last instance, which was the surrender of Gauden to Whaples, the present landwaiter, they had reported that although there had been some few instances where deserving officers had been superannuated, having grown infirm, and younger officers of inferior rank had been admitted to execute those employments (reserving a moiety of the salary to the superannuated officers), yet they conceived it was a practice by no means to be encouraged, &c. When their L^ps^ agreed to that petition, they declared it should not be made a precedent. The charges on Whaples' salary of 80*l.* reduced it to 20*l.*, and it would be the same with Digby. They were of opinion that all surrenders of this kind would be a great damage and very inconvenient. Dated 15 June 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read ult. June 1702. My Lord concurrs wth ye opinion of ye Comm^rs^." 2¼ *pages.*

June 15. 29. Report of Christopher Tilson to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the privy seal for recovering the arrears of the land revenue due at Michaelmas 1698. 1½ *pages.*

June 16. 30. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Coatsworth to be admitted to a composition for a debt of 500*l.*, due upon bonds entered into by himself and sureties for duties on salt.

Minuted:—"23 June 1702. He is not within the clause for composition."

Also the petition and three other papers. 5 *pages.*

June 16. 31. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, transmitting the petition of Brigadier Hastings, which had been read before the Committee of Council, and their Lordships opinion was that the petitioner was worthy of Her Majesty's compassion.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. There is no room on ye military establishment, but Her Ma^ty^ will consider of an opportunity to provide for him w^th^out burthening the revenue." 1 *page, quarto.*

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June 17. 32. Memorial of the Com^rs for the Alienation Office to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for their "constitutions" to be renewed.

Minuted :—"17 June 1702. To be renewd." 1 *page.*

June 17. 33. Letter signed S. P. to the Lord High Treasurer. He was an Enlishman and lover of his country. Sir Thomas Frankland, by his artifices and tricks about two years since, got an ill man, Mr. Castleton, to be controller of the penny Post Office, and now (he could disguise his evil practices no longer), was soliciting for this very infamous man Brocket, another fool of his, to supply his place, which would much diminish the revenues, &c. None would be more willing than he (the writer) to do Her Majesty service. Dated 17 June 1702. 1 *page.*

[About June 17.] 34. Petition of Simon Harcourt, Esq., Secondary of the Crown Office, in the Queen's Bench, to the Lord High Treasurer. His office in the reign of King James II., and for the first six years of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, was to prosecute on their Majestys' behalf all causes in the Crown Office of the King's Bench, for which he had a salary of 50*l.* per ann. After the death of the King the Attorney General had appointed him clerk in the Crown Office of the Queen's Bench; praying for the same salary to be paid him.

Minuted :—"17 June 1702. There is no establishm^t for this." 1 *page.*

[About June 17.] 35. The case of Wm Dockwra, of London, merchant. In 1680 he had set up the penny post, which proved a most beneficial service to the public. He had no sooner brought it to perfection than the late King James (when Duke of York), at the instigation of some evil men in the ministry, caused 20 actions to be brought at one time, and two of 10,000*l.* apiece at another, pretending that the setting up the penny post was a breach of the Act for settling the Post Office on him. The law was wrested, and a special verdict was denied, and so he was deprived of the benefit of his invention, the statute law 22 J. I., which gives to every subject who is author of a new invention for the common good the sole benefit and profit thereof for 14 years, not being regarded. Mr. Dockwra and his family of nine children remained sufferers for many years until the revolution, at which time he printed his case. The King at the recommendation of the House of Commons granted him a pension of 500*l.* per ann. for a term which expired at Midsummer 1700, out of the profits of the penny post. The King had promised him employment. He had received nothing for a year and a quarter, and had no other dependence than the pension, having sunk most of his children's fortunes in the undertaking, and notwithstanding the pension, he was many thousand pounds the worse for setting up the penny post. He (Mr. Dockwra) hoped His Majesty would appoint the payment of the 625*l.* to Michaelmas last, and continue the pension till he was settled in some good office, and not suffer his wife and children to be forgotten or want. And he hoped that his three sons, qualified

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for public service, would find a generous preferment, as a mark of reward for the memorable service their father had done for the King and kingdom, which would last for ever.

This case, although drawn up in the autumn of 1701, does not appear to have been then dealt with, but was brought forward again in the following year, for on the back is this *Minute*:—"17 June 1702. When any imploym^{t} fals y^{t} is proper for him my Ld is willing to move ye Queen in his behalf." 2 *pages*.

[About June 17.] 36. Petition of Dorothy Wynne, widow and relict of Doctor Owen Wynne, deceased, and executrix of his will, praying for a new patent for the profits of the original seal of Anglesey, Carnarvon, and Merioneth, and of the pre-fines of fines and recoveries in those counties for 40 years, at the same rent at which her husband had the grant, viz., 9*l.* per annum.

Minuted:—"17 June 1702. Referred to ye Aud^{r} of Wales." 1 *page, quarto*.

[About June 17.] 37. Petition of Alexander de la Martinerie, Esq., first engineer in the army and director of the trenches. He served the late King as engineer from 1 May 1692 to the disbanding the army. He came into the English service at the command of Queen Mary, on the promise that he should receive 10*s.* a day besides his pay as an engineer (as appears by certificate of the Duke of Schonberg), until he should be made a lieutenant-colonel, but he had not yet any such commission, and had received only 75*l.* from the 10*s.* a day. There were 1,184*l.* due. The petitioner was naturalized, but never received any half pay, and was daily troubled for his debts; praying for relief.

The certificate referred to.

Wafered to the foot of the petition is a subsequent request from the petitioner (who is there called major-general of the armies of the King of Poland), that his debt might be paid to him that he might go about the business of his master. (*French.*)

Minuted:—"17 June 1702. There is no fund for this debt, but my Ld. will recōmend him when there is occasion.

28 March 1704. Nothing can be done on this." 2 *pages*.

[About June 17.] 38. Petition of Isaac Manley to the Lord High Treasurer, praying a grant of a warrant to the Receiver General of the Post Office, for payment of 50*l.*, the last instalment of 600*l.* granted by the royal bounty by privy seal, which was void by the death of the King.

Minuted:—"17 June 1702. To be laid before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. The last 50*l.* to be p̄d him." 1 *page*.

[? About June 17.] 39. Petition of Sir Stephen Fox, knight, to the Queen. King James II. granted, on 31 Nov. 1688, to John Fox, Esq., the custody of the duckoy [decoy] pond in the New Forest in Hampshire, with the house, ground, &c., formerly in custody of John Fox, Esq., his father, "with such rights, priviledges, and fewell wood as belonged to the inhabitants of the forest," and a fee buck and doe in each season out of the walk wherein it lay.

The names of John Fox the father and John Fox the son were used only as trustees for the petitioner, who was possessed of a

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purlieu adjoining the forest, in which he had power to kill deer, but being desirous to preserve the deer, he would do so if Her Majesty would grant him two bucks and two does each season.

Minuted:—" 17 June 1702. To be laid before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen July 8, 1702. Granted, but not to pass till ye Duke of Bolton's warrt passes."

Accompanied by:—" An agreemt betwixt the late Duke of Bolton and Sr Stephen Fox before he passed his patent, which afterward his grace did not comply with." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About June 17.] 40. Petition of Sr Edward Sherburn to the Lord High Treasurer. In 1688, as a Roman Catholic, he was compelled to leave his habitation in the Tower of London, and suspended from his place of clerk of the ordnance, which he held at a salary of 2*s.* a day from the 15th year of Charles I., and which was accounted his legal freehold; praying for some part of the arrears of the 700*l.* due to him, being 87 years of age and debilitated by many infirmities.

Minuted:—" 17 June 1702. To be laid before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. Her Maty will give him something as ye King did."

Also certificate of the arrears. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[About June 17.] 41. Petition of Isaac Marryott, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. He had been for several years conversant with, and privy to, the land revenue of the crown, and being obstructed in his endeavours to discover the just rights thereof, had lately petitioned the Queen, who had referred him to his Lordship; praying a short day that he might be heard and be allowed assistance.

Accompanied by the previous petition referred to, which relates to concealments discovered by the petitioner. He suggests that several millions might be raised by fines. He had expended above 7,000*l.* in preventing the violation of the rights of the crown. He had grown old and infirm, and if the concealments were not discovered by him before his death the crown would be a great loser; prays for the appointment of some persons just and faithful to examine the truth of his assertions.

Minuted:—" 17 June 1702. To be heard when he will attend." 2 *pages.*

[? About June 17.] 42. Petition of Thomas Rymer to the Queen. He was constituted Historiographer Royal in the 4th year of King William and Queen Mary, and was then also employed " to see transcribed and publish'd the antient leagues, treaty's, and publick acts of state from the originals then in a great measure rotten and defac'd," which service he had constantly attended, but hitherto had not published any part of the work; praying for the grant of the like patent of historiographer, and that the Lord High Treasurer might allow the same encouragement as heretofore.

Minuted:—" 17 June 1702. To be laid before ye Queen."

Again:—" 5th August 1702. 100*l.* per annm." 1 *page.*

[About June 17.] 43. Various papers relating to the affairs of William Delarose, who had formerly been collector of excise for Hampshire; showing

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what his success in that office had been. He had applied for allowance to be made him, and the Com^rs of Excise had reported thereon.

The papers are more or less connected with his disputes with the Com^rs of Excise, and include an account of the gross produce of seven years when Delarose was collector.

Minuted:—" Read 17 June 1702."

[The hearing the petitioner was anxious to obtain was granted 20 Oct. 1702, when the Lord High Treasurer thought his petition was groundless. See *Minute Book*, Vol. II. p. 256.] 16 *pages.*

[? About June 18.] 44. Petition of William Hulme, Esq., late sheriff of the county palatine of Lancaster, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant to satisfy the surplusage on his account.

Certificate of the auditor on the same. Dated 18 June 1702. 2 *pages.*

[? About June 17.] 45. Petition of Richard Marshall, collector of customs at Whitehaven, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to an increase of his salary with additional duties; praying to be removed into some patent place, or to grant with an additional salary his place of collector to Mr. John Fotherby, who had acted as his deputy for four years.

Minuted:—" 17 June 1702. To speake to ye Com^rs of ye Customes upon ye allowance, but ye Queen will not consent to any resignation." 1 *page.*

June 20. 46. Copy of Instructions issued by his Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, Lord High Admiral, &c., for the Com^rs appointed to take care of sick and wounded seamen, and for exchanging prisoners of war. There are 25 separate clauses. Dated 20 June 1702. 20 *pages.*

June 20. 47. Letter from Mr. William Blathwayt, as auditor general of revenues in America, to the Com^rs for Public Accounts, sending them accounts of revenues, &c. out of the islands or plantations in America, as far as he was able, and promising the others as they came to his hands. Dated 20 June 1702. 2 *pages.*

[About June 20.] 48. Petition of Josiah Burchet, Esq., secretary to the Lord High Admiral, to the Queen. In 1695, being called from his employment as secretary to the Admiral of the Fleet, and appointed (in conjunction with Mr. Bridgeman) secretary of the Admiralty, he found the fees which were enjoyed by his predecessors were wholly taken away from himself and clerks; praying to be allowed the taxes he and his clerks had paid since his present employment. Referred 20 June 1702.

Also the account of sums paid.

The second minute is:—" Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. Granted." 3 *pages.*

[About June 20.] 49. Petition of Martha Francis, widow, the only surviving child of Sr Andrew Cogan, Kn^t and Baronet, deceased. Her father's estates were sequestered for his adherence to King Charles I., which, with

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other disbursements, amounted to 34,677*l.*; prays for the royal bounty. Referred on 20 June 1702 to the Lord High Treasurer.

A schedule of the losses, &c. referred to, and another paper on the same subject.

Minuted:—"15 July 1702. The Queen hath not declared her pleasure concerning charitys of this kind." 3 *pages.*

June 22. 50. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the offer made by Dame Margaret Owen and Edward Ingleton to discover and recover certain rents and arrears of rent alleged to be concealed from the crown. The rents were reserved by King Charles I. out of Bullingbrook Fens in Lincolnshire (part whereof were in the Duchy of Lancaster). Without disturbing the country, the petitioners alleged that several sums might be raised by way of composition for these arrears, from persons who could not make settlements of their estates, because of these encumbrances. Dated 22 June 1702.

Also copies of two other reports, and an affidavit on the same subject, and two extracts of grants taken out of the duchy office as to lands in West, East, and North Fens [parcel of the honour of Bollingbrook].

Minuted:—"Read 15 July 1702. Mr. Surveyr to inform himself wth more certainty yt ye lands are enjoyd under ye grant whereupon these rents are reserved." [See previous report in Vol. LXXVII., No. 40.] 12 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 22. 51. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Queen on the petition of Thomas Morton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife. He found that by inquisition taken in April last, Margaret James, daughter and heir of Edmund James, late of Bradfield, Wilts, gent., deceased, was declared an idiot, and that the said Edmund was seized of lands, &c. of the yearly value of 160*l.*, which descended to his daughter, and were charged with his debts. Elizabeth Morton was aunt of the said Margaret, and the estate could not descend to her. He was therefore of opinion that the custody of the idiot and her estate might be granted to the petitioners. Dated 22 June 1702.

The petition and an affidavit. 2½ *pages.*

[Between June 22 and July 15.] 52. Report of the warden, master worker, and controller of the mint, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Ann Morris, widow and executrix of Richard Morris, deceased, as to claims for services rendered in apprehending and prosecuting clippers, coiners, &c.

Minuted:—"15 July 1702. My Ld dos not think it reasonable to put ye Queen to any charge in this matter."

The petition, a certificate, and Richard Morris's bill. 4½ *pages.*

June 22. 53. Report of Sir Edward Ward, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the pretensions of Michael Baker the elder, and Michael Baker the younger, to the renewal of the grant of the office of Marshal of the Marshalsea of the Exchequer,

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against which Mr. John Walker had lodged a caveat. Dated 22 June 1702.

Also the petition of Michael Baker the elder and younger.

Minuted:—"24 June 1702. Mr Baker's patent to be renew'd as it was before." 2 *pages.*

[About June 22.] 54. Petition of William, Bishop of Landaff, to the Queen, praying for the grant of the tenths of the diocese and the arrears thereof, it being the smallest in point of revenue in England and Wales.

Referred on 22 June 1702 to the Ld Treasurer to report on.

Minuted:—"1 July 1702. It is not advisable to grant or discharge ye tenths." 1 *page.*

[About June 22.] 55. Petition of William Dockwra, of London, merchant, to the Queen, setting out the same facts as are found in his case, previously described under date 17 June (No. 35). In addition he says that, at Lady-day 1697, he was appointed controller of the penny post at 200*l.* per ann. and improved the income from it 200*l.* per ann., but was put out of the office at Midsummer 1700, and his eldest son also, who had been with him all the three years and a quarter; praying for present help and for a settled benefit for the future.

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer, 22 June 1702, to report on, who on 11th Aug. 1702 referred it to the postmasters general.

There is also a copy of the votes of the House of Commons of 16 May 1690, which recommended him to His Majesty.

The following is the last clause in the body of the petition:—"Your peticoner therefore prostrates himself at yor Majties feet, the throne being the refuge of the oppressed subjects & unhappy sufferers; never believing that yor Majesties incomparable goodness & intirely English heart, can let a faithfull English subject be forgot, & his family languish into ruine, meerly for doing good to his country; but that yor peticoner shall finde speedy redress from so admirable a Queen, whose piety & justice so conspicuous when in a private state, must, by advancing goodnes, as well as greatness, establish the throne and render it more illustrious." 3 *pages.*

June 23. 56. Printed form of licence granted to hawkers and pedlers, dated 23 June 1702. 1 *page.*

June 23. 57. Memorial from the Comrs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer for remission of the taxes charged on their officers salaries, viz., those having less than 100*l.* per ann. Dated 23 June 1702.

Minuted:—"Orderd as usual." 1 *page.*

June 23. 58. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Henry Ireton, late collector of excise, as to the cause of his dismissal. Dated 23 June 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Jan. 1702. My Lord canot think the imploying him againe is advisable."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

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23 June. 59. Report of the Postmasters General (Cotton and Frankland). They had appointed George Main, who some time before had farmed the post office of Scotland from the Treasury, and had granted their deputation to him for three years only, as their deputy at Edinburgh, with a salary of 100*l.* per ann. The term being nearly expired, they recommend the renewal of the warrant. Dated 23 June 1702.

Minuted:—"Agreed wth a proviso that this deputation shall not last longer than 3 years." 1¼ *pages.*

June 23. 60. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Bastwick Johnson to be admitted to a composition for a debt. They did not conceive he was within the clause for making such compositions. Dated 23 June 1702.

Minuted:—"23 June 1702. He is not within the clause for compositions."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

[June 24.] 61. Necessaries de termino sĉi Hill 1701, de termino Paschæ anno Rnæ Annæ. 1mo anº dom. 1702.

Also for Trinity Term in the same year.

They are expenses of stationery, &c. in connection with the Law Courts.

There is further an acct of what was due to John Walker, Esq., usher of the Court of Exchequer. 2 *large pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 24. 62. "8 March 1701–2. An accot of fees & sallaries payable by his late Maty with the sumes due thereupon at Christmas 1701."

This contains the same information as a paper under date of 8 March, but also shows the sums paid between Christmas and Midsummer 1702. 6 *pages.*

June 24. 63. Letter of Mr John Tutchin to the Lord High Treasurer "at his house near the stable yard at St James's Pallace, Westminster." He had attended the Postmaster General to be heard on the articles against Mr Castleton. Their honors insisted on the necessity of having Mr Swift present at the hearing as the Queen's solicitor, but he esteemed himself the Queen's solicitor in the cause. It further relates to the method of conducting the hearing a case, of which more will be seen under 25 June. Dated 24 June 1702. 1 *page.*

June 24. 64. Petition of John Waring, searcher of Chester, to the Lord High Treasurer, for renewing his patent with the addition of his son during pleasure.

Minuted:—"24 June 1702. To be renew'd for ye father only." 1 *page, quarto.*

June 24. 65. Letter of Mr. William Rider to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The timber in the forest of Whittlewood, by the Queen Dowager's grant, being reserved to the crown, the King had covenanted to repair her several houses, edifices, &c.: asking that a warrant might

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be forthwith put in execution, or the houses would be uninhabitable. Dated 24 June 1702.

Minuted:—" Ref. to Serjt Ryley." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About June 24.] 66. Petition of John Whittett, clerk, to the Lord High Treasurer. Being chaplain to the society of English merchants at Dort, the petitioner quitted his salary of 100*l.* per ann. to come in the King's expedition to England. He read and dispersed the King's declaration from Tor Bay all the west along to London, served him in all the wars in Ireland, and was dangerously wounded in both legs. He had a pension of 10*s.* a week, which determined at the death of the King; praying for the renewal thereof.

Certificate relating thereto.

Minuted:—" 24 June 1702. My Ld will move ye Queen to continue his 10*s.* per week."

Again:—" Read to ye Queen, 8 July 1702. His 10*s.* a week to be continu'd." 2 *pages.*

June 24. 67. " Proportions of payments to be made out of 20,000*l.* at several ports for sick & wounded seamen."

Also:—" An account of moneys due for sick quarters, &c., from Michaelmas 1701 to Midsummer 1702." 2 *pages.*

June 25. 68. Letter of the Postmasters General to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to examination of the articles exhibited against Mr. Castleton, Controller of the penny post office. Having summoned the witnesses, &c., and as was usual, some of the principal officers belonging to their office being present, Mr. Tutchin, the party complaining, refused to proceed, unless all persons, except the secretary himself and the parties accused, withdrew. They demurred to this, except their solicitor were present, to which Mr. Tutchin positively refused to agree. Dated 25 June 1702.

Minuted:—" Write to the Postmaster, that my Lord having considered their Lr̃e and another from Mr Tutchin, concerning this matter, is of opinion, that truth should not be afraid of ye light, and that a hearing of this nature ought not to be in a clandestine manner." 2 *pages.*

June 25. 69. Copy of royal warrant appointing Ralph Cook, gent., deputy treasurer and under-paymaster of the Royal Hospital near Chelsea. Dated 25 June 1702. 1 *page.*

[? Before June 26.] 70. " An accot of ye intended disposition by ye officers of Her Mats works of ye remainder of ye weekly allowance to that office, intended by ye late lords of ye Treãry, commencing from Christmas last and to determine 26th June 1702."

It consists of a list of persons with sums against them. 3 *pages.*

June 27. 71. Certificate of Peter Frowde, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the Ld High Treasurer, that John Shorter, Esq., late sheriff of Surrey, paid 280*l.* to John Connell and others, for apprehending Richard Lowton *alias* Country Dick, and six other highway robbers, and so had overpaid his account. Dated 27 June 1702. 1 *page.*

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June 27. 72. Letter from Mr Secretary Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had commanded him to transmit part of a letter containing a proposal from Mr. Cresset, envoy at Hanover, to gratify the persons concerned in disarming the Duke of Wolfenbutell. Her Majesty would have 2,000*l.* put into Mr. Cressett's hands to be employed according to the proposal. Dated 27 June 1702.

Also the extract referred to, which states as Baron Schutz had named 2,000*l.* it was his [Mr. Cresset's] opinion that to gratify the Duke of Ploen 1,000*l.* should be presented from the Queen to buy a jewel for the Duchess of Ploen, and the other 1,000*l.* should be divided between Cantensac and Graaf, who were the chief instruments in bringing over the Duke Rodolph August, and were most likely to keep him where he was for the future.

Minuted:—"Issue this money out of Civil List mo since 8 March to the Earle of Ranelagh, as a contingt charge relating to ye war, being intended to be remitted to Mr Cresset for ye purposes wthin menconed. 2,300li to be remitted to Mr Cresset at Hanover." 2 *pages.*

June 28. 73. Memorial of Edward, Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, as to the passing his final account. Mr Sturt the cashier of victualling and Mr Papillon had been the means of obstructing the same. Dated 28 June 1702.

Minuted:—"To be carryed in next Tuesday morning 7 July." 3 *pages.*

June 29. 74. "Abstract of Mr Weaver's accompt of the revenues of Her Matys province of New York, from the 6th of January 1700, when he entered upon his office of Receiver General, to the 29th of June 1702 when he was suspended by Lord Cornburye."

Probably an inclosure. 1 *page.*

June 30. 75. Mr W. Whitfield's memorial for subsistence to the marine regiments, viz., the regiments of Col. Mordaunt, Col. Holt, Col. Saunderson, and the seven companies of Col. Villiers. Dated 30 June 1702.

On the dorse is a minute that the 1500*l.* asked for should be paid. 1 *page.*

June 30. 76. Petition of the out-gentlemen pensioners of the Royal College of Chelsea to the Queen. They had originally received eighteen pence a day, but for ten years had been reduced to twelve pence, and for four years and eight months had received nothing; praying relief.

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer on 30 June 1702, who again referred it to Lord Ranelagh. 1 *page.*

June 30. 77. "An account of tallys, &c., remaining in the Treasurer of the Ordnance hands as by account of cash dated the 30th of June 1702, and likewise on what fund and after what sums payable, when struck and how many of each, and the respective numbers." 1 *page.*

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[About June 30.] 78. Petition of John Jennings to the Lord High Treasurer. The petitioner was for several years collector of duties of excise of malt and leather in the county of Worcester, during which he returned large sums by one Thomas Ellis, a grazier; the sums were all duly answered by him at the Excise office till about three years ago, when the petitioner paid him about 2,000*l.*, for which except 200*l.* he took bonds; to his great surprise the bonds were not paid, and Ellis had been arrested and imprisoned by the directions of the Com^rs^ of Excise and the sureties at the instigation of Ellis had disposed of their goods and gone off, &c.; praying his Lordship to order the Com^rs^ of Excise to allow him what remained on his account unsatisfied by Ellis, &c. Undated, but see *Reference Book* Vol. VII. p. 2. 1 *page.*

[? About June 30.] 79. Report of Robert Gilliver to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the fee-farm rent called "smoke farthing" in the county of Oxford, which was payable out of 207 parishes in that county. It had been paid time out of mind by the churchwardens of each parish, but the receiver in 1698 returned the rent *in super* for four years, when he (Gilliver) went to demand the rent. He found the deputy of the receiver had taken extravagant fees, but he took no more than 4*d.* as riding charges, as ordered by the Treasury. The country were very ready to pay what they had not before paid to the deputy, but Sir Thomas Wheale and Thomas Crisp, Esq., two justices of the peace, not only advised them not to pay, but threatened to send him to the county gaol; and instead of assisting to keep the peace, said, if he came to their towns, they would raise the mob and declared they would obey no warrants from the Treasury. He hoped his Lordship would take such measures as would convince these gentlemen that the fee-farm rent was a just due of the crown.

Minuted:—"Ult. June 1702. Respite ye collection of ye rent till further order & an extract of this report to be sent to Sr Robert Jenkinson."

Accompanied by a letter from Sir Robert Jenkinson complaining that Gilliver still troubled the country with collecting the duty of smoke farthing, &c. Dated June 13, 1702. 3 *pages.*

June 30. 80. Sums remaining unsatisfied on the scheme of distributions sent to the Exchequer in January last which were intended to have been paid by Midsummer 1702. Dated 30 June 1702.

Also, "A list of such warrants as were actually signed for part of the sums menc̃oned on the other side before his late Majesties demise wch are not yet satisfyed." 2 *pages.*

June 30. 81. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer. The Queen's pleasure was, that a fitting allowance be made out of the estate of Margaret James, an idiot, to Thomas Morton, gent., and his wife, to provide for her maintenance. Dated 30 June 1702. 1 *page.*

June. 82. Copy of Lord Coningsby's report, distinguishing the several qualifications and pretensions of the officers of the French regiments delivered into the Treasury. June 1702. 1 *large page.*

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1702. [June.] 83. Petition of Captain Francis Hamon to the Queen, for payment of arrears of his pension and additional allowance as Lieutenant Governor of Languard Fort.

The last minute on the back is:—"Windsor, 24 Augt 1702. Not granted." 1 *page.*

June. 84. Memorandum as to the restitution of the temporalities of the Bishopric of Carlisle to William Nicholson, Bishop of that see. Signed "Godolphin." Dated June 1702.

Also a duplicate; one is called "Docq^{t} for the R^{t} Ho^{ble} the Lord Keeper," the other "Docq^{t} for the Most Hono^{ble} the Lord Privy Seale." Each $\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*

July 1. 85. Rules and instructions for the better government of our marine regiments. Dated 1 July 1702. 5 *pages.*

[? About July 1.] 86. "Com. Oxon et Berks. } An accompt of rents received by Mr William Roberts which he returned in *super* upon his accomp^{t} pro anno 1698."

Minuted:—"1 July 1702. Send this to Mr Borrett to enquire & report ye fact, wth his opinion." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

July 1. [? 1702 or 1703.] 87. Letter from Jonathan, Bishop of Exeter [? to Mr. Lowndes] with a petition to the Lord High Treasurer of Thomas Whitford, curate of Lostwithiell in Cornwall, praying that his annuity of 30*l.* might be continued to him without the charge of a new patent. Dated "July 1st" [? 1702.]

Minuted:—"Write to the B^{p} that the paym^{t} cannot be made, but by a great seal or pr. seal & ye Qu. is restreyned from granting beyond her owne time. But in compassion to ye poor min^{r} my Lord has orderd a P.S. (wch for this purpose will serve as well as a broad seal) to justify ye paym^{ts} made since Ch. 2, decease, and to continue ye same for ye future dur. her Ma^{ts} pl. and that the minister shall be at no charge in passing this P.S." 3 *pages.*

[About July 1.] 88. Petition to the Queen, of Ellen de Courcy only daughter of the late Lord Kinsale, "whose ancestors for hundreds of years successively have the great hon^{r} of being the only grandees [? grantees] to yor maj^{ties} Royal predecessors." The family of the petitioner since the loss of their estates for the Queen's predecessors, had depended on the crown for support. Kings Charles and James allowed them 300*l.* per ann. pension, until 1690. The arrears were due ever since. King James before he left England, granted a lease for 31 years of the ferries and passages of Ireland. The revolution stopped all proceedings and destroyed the petitioner's fortune. Tho' King William had also ordered the grant, the petitioner was wholly deprived of it. She was at 1,000*l.* expense in prosecuting the matter; praying in consideration of her distress and danger of imprisonment during life, to be admitted to the royal bounty.

Minuted:—"1st July 1702. There can be nothing don in it." 1 *page.*

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July 2. 89. Letter of the Earl of Rochester to the Lord High Treasurer. The Judges in Ireland had proposed an allowance to be made to the Marshall of the Four Courts in Dublin. The office was formerly of considerable profit till the fees were reduced by the late Act. It still continued a place of great trust wherein the administration of justice and the security and property of the subject were greatly concerned. The Earl found by experience when he was there, that the then officer being removed by him, upon frequent complaints of the judges of his often and heinous misbehaviour, that the place could not be supplied with a sufficient man for want of a suitable reward for the pains and hazard of it. The judges upon consultation agreed that the charge of the Marshal amounted to 159*l.* per ann., and the fees since they were reduced had not exceeded 120*l.*, which, if made up to 400*l.* per ann., might be a reasonable encouragement to that officer in regard of the very great hazard he ran in the execution of his employment. Recommending the payment of such a salary as Her Majesty thought fit from the establishments of the Civil List. Dated 2 July 1702. 2¼ *pages.*

July 2. 90. Two certificates from Lord Halifax as to the amount due to Edward Southwell, Christopher Musgrave, and James Vernon, Esquires, as Commissioners for keeping the Privy Seal. The last dated 2 July 1702. 2 *pages.*

July 2. 91. Certificate of R. Barker, Deputy Queen's Remembrancer, that Walter Whitfeild, Esq., Paymaster of Marine Regiments, and his three sureties had given bonds for the due performance of the office. Dated 2 July 1702. ½ *page.*

July 3. 92. Memorial of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer in favour of a gratuity to John Vero, who had been removed from Worcester to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and had advanced the excise upon liquors there about 4,000*l.* in a year. Dated July 3, 1702.
Minuted:—" 50^li. to be p̃d him as a reward." 1 *page.*

July 3. 93. Estimate of several works directed by Her Majestie at St James's, amounting to 3,775*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* Signed by the Officers of Works. Dated 3 July, 1702.
Minuted:—" Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. Her Ma^ty has put a stop to ye works she intended." 3 *pages.*

July 3. 94. Letter of H. Bishop of London to the Lord High Treasurer. Mr Patrick Gordon, Mr John Barrow, and Mr Samuel Thomas having to depart as chaplains, the first to New York, the second to Connecticut, and the third to Carolina, before they could solicit the Queen's bounty of 20*l.* each, he had procured the bearer to lay down the money and asked his Lordship to reimburse him. Dated 3 July 1702.
Minuted:—" 14 July 1702. Orderd." 1 *page.*

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[?About July 3.] 95. Memoranda as to arrears of salary due to the Earl of Montagu as master of the Great Wardrobe, including also other amounts due on account of that office.

Minuted:—" Read 3 July, 1702. The Sall^{a} wch became due in his Ma^{ts} time is to be pd. as other arrears to Her Ma^{ts} serv^{ts} are p̃d." 1 *page.*

[?About July 3.] 96. Petition of Mr. Medlycott to the Lord High Treasurer. After he had been sworn first clerk to Mr Palmes he was put out of that employment by Sr Christopher Musgrave. He lent Mr. Palmes 1,000*l.* towards paying the Queen's debt upon the credit of his being Teller, and was to be repaid out of the profits of the office, and had no security for his money, &c.; praying to be put into some employment.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. II. p. 203, 3 July 1702, is:—" Mr Palmes penc̃on to be charged on ye Post Office, but before Mr Palmes' grant passes he must secure the 1,000*l.* lent by Mr Medlicot & agree in w^{t} proporc̃ons he shal be p^{d} out of it." 1 *page quarto.*

July 4. 97. Copy of a letter signed " Jo. Sansom, jun^{r}," without address, giving an explanation of the state of his accounts in connection with the Custom House of Bristol. Dated 4 July 1702. 3 *pages.*

July 4. 98. " List of accompts from the plantations presented to the Honble the Com^{rs} of accompts the 4th day of July 1702."

They all relate to the province of Massachusets Bay except the last, which is as to the produce of the 4½ per cent. in the Caribbee Islands. 1½ *pages.*

July 4. 99. " Certificate from the Jewel Office of plate delivered to the pages of ye Bedch^{r} & backstaires to his late Ma^{ty}." Dated 4 July 1702.

Minuted:—" 15 July 1702. Prepare a sign manual." 8 *lines.*

July 6. 100. Letter of Sir Stephen Fox, Kn^{t}, Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Kn^{t}, and Hugh Chudleigh, Esq., Com^{rs} for executing the office of Master of the Horse, to William Lowndes, Esq., announcing Her Majesty's pleasure that the meads at Hampton Court from the bargeway should be fenced, to preserve the Royal stud. Dated 6 July 1702.

Also the Report of Philip Ryley as to the estimated cost (686*l.* 8*s.*), and two other letters on the subject.

Minuted:—" 5th August 1702. The Queen would have the fence made, but thinks it ought not to cost half that sum." 4 *pages.*

July 6. 101. Report of the Lord Ranelagh [to the Lord High Treasurer] on the petition of Major William Villiers desiring a further credit for his pay as major. It was reasonable it should be made up 20*s.* a day. Dated 6 July 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug. 1702. My Lord can do nothing in this." 2 *pages.*

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July 6. 102. Auditors of Imprest. General certificate of accounts addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, showing what accounts were declared. Dated 6 July 1702. 15½ *pages.*

July 7. 103. Petition of Maynhard Duke of Schonburg and Leinster to the Queen. The House of Commons by the late King's influence, soon after his arrival, voted 100,000*l.* for the support of petitioner's father and family. After the death of petitioner's father, the King granted to his late brother Charles and himself, a privy seal for payment of the principal, and afterwards under the Great Seal allowed his brother 4 per cent. which was increased to the petitioner 5 per cent. payable out of the Post Office; praying to have a patent for the 1 per cent., as he had only a warrant subject to redemption upon payment of the 100,000*l.*

Minuted:—"7 July 1702. Respited." 1 *page.*

July 7. 104. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Champante, in relation to bills of exchange drawn by the Lieut^t Governor of New York upon him for the subsistence of the four companies there. Dated 7 July 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"21 July 1702. Write to my Lord Ranelagh to certifie the sum that will carry on ye subsistence to 24 xber next & noe further." 4 *pages.*

July 7. 105. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on the value of foreign coins of gold in proportion to silver in several nations, and on the way of preserving the coin. They found that gold was higher in England than in France 9^d or 10^d in the guinea, in Holland by 11^d or 12^d in the guinea, in Germany and Italy by 12^d in the guinea or above; in Spain and Portugal gold was higher than in England by about 11^d in the guinea. The great quantity of silver coming from the West Indies had brought down the price of silver in all Europe in proportion to gold, and principally in Spain, where the bullion first arrived. The low price mended the market, and thereby carried silver from Spain into all Europe, and from all Europe to the East Indies and China, the merchant bidding more for it than it went for among the natives. In Spain the merchants advanced about 6 per cent. or above, for silver; at which rate a guinea was worth about 21^s 3⅜^d and sometimes less. In England they advanced 3^d or 4^d per ounce, and at the rate of 3^d per ounce advance a guinea was worth but 20^s 6⅙^d.

Gold was therefore at too high a rate in England by about 10*d.* or 12^d in the guinea. And this tended to the decrease of the silver coin. The way of preserving this coin was to lower the price of gold. "Suppose by taking 6^d 9^d or 12^d from the price of the guinea," so that gold might be of the same value in England as in the neighbouring parts of Europe. France had set an example, for in the last war when the *louis dor* was raised to 14 livres, the *ecu* was raised only to 72 sols; but it was now raised to 76 sols, tho the *louis dor* was raised only to 14 *livres* as before, so that gold in

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respect of silver was then lower in France than in the last war, in the proportion of 76 to 72, *i.e.* by above 13½*d.* in the guinea.

The liberty of melting foreign moneys into ingots in private shops and houses, for exportation, gave opportunity for melting down the money of England for the same purpose. A law to restrain the same might be useful, as well as against importing any ingots of silver melted down in England, except in a public office for the purpose.

The law by barring the exportation of foreign silver after it was coined, prevented the coinage and importation thereof, as the merchant could make no use of it as bullion. The bringing of silver to the market of England and turning it into money should be encouraged, silver being more apt to stay with us in the useful form of money, than in the useless form of bullion. If the merchant might export what he coined, some part would be apt to be laid out here, and this might be done as described in the schedule annexed.

The licencing the exportation of bullion, whilst the exportation of money was prohibited, made silver worth more uncoined, stopped the coinage, and caused money to be melted down in private for exportation. It might be better to prohibit the exportation of bullion and licence that of money, and whenever the money was in danger, to licence the exportation of so much money only as should be coined out of foreign bullion.

The safety and increase of the coin depended principally on the balance of trade. If the balance of trade were against us, the money would be melted and exported, to pay debts abroad and carry on trade, in spite of laws to the contrary; and if the balance of trade were for us, such laws were needless, and even hurtful to trade. If trade were so ordered as not to be detrimental to the nation, the money would be safe. For which end luxury in foreign commodities should be checked, and the exportation of our own commodities encouraged. If a law were made and well executed against trading with more gold and silver by any merchant or company of merchants, than in certain proportions to the value of the goods exported, such an addition to the Act of navigation might put merchants upon searching out sufficient ways of vending our commodities abroad, and would be more effectual for preserving the coin, than the absolute prohibition of the exportation thereof.

As for the alteration of the standard, their opinion was, that if the value of the several species to be coined were diminished, without changing the denomination, it would occasion the melting and recoining the species already coined for the sake of the profit. And if the value were increased, the merchants and people would value their goods by the old money in which they were to be paid, and the new money of greater value (if any were coined) would be picked out for exportation, and the importer who coined it would lose the overvalue, to the discouragement of the coinage, and in payments made by tale to foreigners, the nation would also lose the overvalue. But if it were proposed to retain the value of the

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several species or quantity of fine silver therein, and only to alter the "allay" they were of opinion, that if small money, (which wears away fast, and is apt to be lost,) were coined, of course "allay" as was done abroad (provided it were well coined to prevent counterfeiting), such money would wear longer and be less apt to be lost than the small money then in use. By small money they understood groats, threepences, twopences, and pence, unless the penny by reason of its smallness should be made of copper. Dated 7 July 1702.

Accompanied by the three other carefully prepared papers above referred to, containing a great deal of information on this subject entitled:—

(1.) The values of several forreign coynes.

(2.) The value of gold in proportion to silver in several parts of Europe.

(3.) Proposals for preserving & encreasing the silver coin of this kingdom.

The report, and the 1st and 2nd enclosure, are in Newton's own hand, and there can be little doubt were prepared by him. 9 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 7. 106. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Upton, which had been sent by the Lord High Treasurer to Richard Hill, Esq., one of the council of the Lord High Admiral, whose notes the Com^rs had received thereon. They had received from Captain Upton an estimate of the charge of fitting out a vessel for the guard of the coast of Cornwall, amounting to 982*l.* for the price of the vessel and fitting out for sea, and 1,800*l.* per ann. for maintaining her at sea. Captain Upton, when in a smack on that coast, did considerable service to the revenue, and they believed, if put into such a vessel as was proposed, would continue to do good service. Dated 7 July 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 15 July 1702. My Lord agrees to the report, provided the ship be employed onely for the service of ye customes, and that at ye end of ye first 3 months ye Com^rs do certifie what benefit ye revenue shall rec^e by this expense and how farr they shall then think it advisable to continue ye same."

Also the petition, the "notes," and the estimate referred to. 4 *pages.*

July 7. 107. "A general accompt of expenses and incidental charges in the service of the Commission for Trade and Plantations." Also petty expenses for the same commission, both submitted to the Lord High Treasurer for his allowance. 7 July 1702. 4 *pages.*

July 7. 108. Memorial of the officers of works to the Lord High Treasurer, praying commisseration of the many poor families, who had received little since Christmas; also for the remainder of the stated debt of the coronation (2,310*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*), and for his Lordship's consideration of the estimate for the works at St. James's. Dated 7 July 1702.

Minuted:—"14 July 1702. The particular of ye bills for ye coronac̃on are to be certifyd p̃ ye officers of ye works."

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There is a minute on the 8th inst. that Her Majesty had put a stop to the works she intended at St. James's. See *Minute Book*, Vol. II., p. 214. 1 *page.*

[About July 7.] 109. Petition of Elizabeth Slingsby, daughter to Col. Walter Slingsby, to the Lord High Treasurer. Her father had served Kings Charles I. and II., for which a pension of 20*l.* per ann. was granted her out of the Royal Oak lottery; praying for payment since the death of the late King.

On the back is—"Brought 7th July 1702."

Minuted:—"15 July 1702. To be p̃d. by sign manual on privy seal dormt." 1 *page.*

[About July 7.] 110. Petition of Dame Anne Sylvius, widow and relict of Sir Gabriel de Sylvius, Knight, deceased. Sir Gabriel was employed for several years as envoy to the crown of Denmark and elsewhere beyond the seas. There was due to him on his death (Jan. 1696–7) 2,400*l.*; praying payment.

Minuted:—"7 July 1702. To be laid before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. For ye present her Maty cannot take consideracon of such arrears." 1 *page.*

July 8. 111. Letter from the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, as to an official examination of Mr Castleton, controller of the penny post office, in his defence, to which examination Mr Tutchin, who had been examined, took exception. Dated 8 July 1702. 3 *pages.*

July 8. 112. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, on the petition of Thomas Johnson. He found the warrants therein mentioned were truly recited, and the rents and profits of the manor of Liskeard, in Cornwall, which had been allowed to petitioner's father, Major Johnson, to his mother, and the petitioner, from 1660 to Mich. last, amounted (*communibus annis*) to 71*l.*, which might be continued by like warrant as was granted by the Ld Treasurer in 1685, &c. Dated 8 July 1702.

Minuted:—"15 July 1702. My Ld cannot give such a warrt as is desired."

Also the petition and copy of a warrant. 4 *pages.*

July 8. 113. An account of what charges Dr Woodroffe hath been at for the Greek youths settled at Gloucester Hall in Oxford. 1,105*l.* were due to him, which sum he sought might be reimbursed to him, or that a prosecution for a debt might be staid, he being proprietor of a rock salt pit in Cheshire.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. My Ld. will speake wth ye Bishop of London." 1 *page.*

July 8. 114. Letter signed "Edward Proger" to Philip Ryly, Esq., asking him to make his report. He had added to this account moneys paid to the poor of the wick, to whom for many years he gave charity out of his own purse; but the poor increasing by the

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King's buildings at Hampton Court to so excessive a degree, the overseers for the poor would set a rate on the hare warren and Paddock Course being part of it. He refused to pay it, whereupon the justices of the peace gave it against him, upon the production of the poor's books, which proved that Cromwell paid to the poor, having enclosed that land into the park, which was lammas ground before. Dated "8" [?] July 1702. 1 *page.*

[About July 8.] 115. Petition of Dame Margaret Lunsford, widow, relict of Sr Herbert Lunsford, Knt Banneret, deceased. Her husband faithfully served the Queen's grandfather as colonel in his own regiment during the then unhappy wars, and spent an estate of 1,500*l.* per ann. in his service, and immediately after Edgehill fight was knighted in the field under His Majesty's banner. He was made governor of Jersey in the service of King Charles II., and died there about 22 years before. King James, having a very particular kindness for her husband, provided bountifully for the petitioner, who was afterwards reduced to a small pension of 40*l.* per ann., of which about 100*l.* was in arrear, and at nearly fourscore years of age she was in danger of a prison; praying for the arrears.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. Her pencon is to be continued." 1 *page.*

[About July 8.] 116. Petition of Lieut. Col. Ambrose Norton to the Queen. In 1664 he purchased his place of surveyor of the mews to King Charles II. When King William came to the throne, it was disposed of to Mr. Francis Negus. 2,736*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*, besides interest, were due to him from the crown. Part of that money being due to persons employed in King Charles' service by petitioner's order, they sued, arrested, and forced him to pay part of the crown debts; praying to be restored to his employment or for other compensation.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. Her Maty doth not think to remove Mr Negus, but will provide something for ye petr on ye establishmt of ye stables." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About July 8.] 117. A bill of the cost of 36 copies of the Bible, common prayer book, homilies, articles, and canons of the Church of England, and tables of marriages, delivered by Mr Samuel Carr, the Queen's stationer, to the Bishop of London, to be sent by two orders of Council to Maryland and New York.

The two papers referred to.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. 258. 10 for bibles, &c. if delivered they must be p̃d for." 3 *pages.*

[About July 8.] 118. Petition of Ann Charlotte, Lady Frechville, executrix of her late husband, John Lord Frechvile, deceased. The manor of Eckington was granted to petitioner's husband by King Charles II., at a rent of 152*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, to be paid to the Queen Dowager, and by the same patent he had a grant of 152*l.* per ann., on which there was an arrear of 1,938*l.*; praying payment.

Accompanied by a certificate.

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Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 8 July 1702. When any occasion is offerd to gratifie her request without taking from ye revenue, or when it can be don wth less inconvenience, my Ld is to consider her pretencon." 2 *pages.*

July 9. 119. Letter of Mr John Tutchin to the Ld Treasurer at St James's Palace. He had yesterday entered his appeal to his Lordship in the postmaster's books. It would be much for the public advantage if his Lordship could determine things of that nature by hearing them with his own ears. His opinion on the penny post was that there had been many mismanagements. Every one had done what was right in his own eyes, without control. He could not tell what Mr Castleton's business was in the office, but he was a person of weak parts, easily imposed on, and incapable of judging what was good for the Queen's interest. If such persons deserved anything from a government, a pension would be a more fit reward than an office. Dated 9 July 1702.

Minuted:—"Write to the Postmrs that my Lord is inclined to appt a day of hearing. Know when they can attend wthout inconvenience."

Also a letter from Mr John Tutchin to William Lowndes, Esq., sending the copy of some "articles of mismanagement agt Mr Nath. Castleton, controller of ye Generall Penny Post Office." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 10. 120. Memorial of the trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lord High Treasurer for an allowance to be made to them for incidents, &c. Also account of money disbursed by the trustees for circulating Exchequer bills, for contingencies of their office, from the 28th of April 1699 to the 29th of April 1701. Dated 10 July 1702.

Minuted:—29 July 1702. When ye auditors are here to consider this distinctly. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 121. Two warrants to the Master of the Great Wardrobe to provide and deliver to Sir Bevill Granville, Governor of Barbadoes, a Bible, prayer books, and furniture, together with communion plate for the chapel at Barbadoes. Dated 10 July 1702. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 122. Report of Mr. Henry Baker [to the Lord High Treasurer] on the petition of John Dufty, who was tried and convicted for exporting wool. Dated 10 July 1702.

Minuted:—"15 July 1702. My Lord sees no cause to move ye Queen for a mitigation of ye fine." Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 123. Letter of Thomas, Bishop of St David's, to Willm Lowndes, Esq.; in consideration of the excessive cravings of Mr Lucy he had offered for appointment John Phillips of Carmarthen and two others, as receivers of rent; he likewise had asked for payment of 40 or 50*l.* to Griffith Loyd, Esq., and two others, for repair of the palace,

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which had suffered from the last winter's storms. He had several objections to the auditor's report, &c. Dated 10 July 1702.

Also another letter of a previous date of the Bishop as to the repairs of the palace. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 124. "Mr Attorney General's opinion upon the case of salt exported and afterwards relanded in England, &c." Dated 10 July 1702. 2¼ *pages.*

July 10. 125. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lord [High Treasurer] upon the petition of Richard Webb as to remission of a fine for exporting wool. Dated 10 July 1702.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 126. Report of the Earl of Rochester on the petition of Mary Huntingdon, widow and relict of Dr Robert Huntingdon, late Bishop of Raphoe in Ireland, recommending some allowance to be made to her out of the "mean profits" of the see, and a further allowance to the present bishop. Dated 10 July 1702.

Also copy of the same having an additional minute on it, viz., "11 Nov. 1702. To be layd before ye Q. again for both pts." 4 *pages.*

July 12. 127. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Queen on the petition of Sarah Bladen, relict of Doctor Bladen and daughter of the Lord Blaney of Castle-Blayney in Ireland. She had had a pension of 50*l.* a year, for which there was no longer a fund. Recommending her Majesty's bounty. Dated 12 July 1702.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. There is no fond for these pencons." 2 *pages.*

July 13. 128. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Philip Shales as to the appointment to the office of Inspector General of exports and imports, on the removal of Mr Culliford to a better station. Dated 13 July 1702.

Also the petition and copy of previous presentment of the Comrs of Customs. 4 *pages.*

[? About July 14.] 129. Petition of Robert Sisterton to the Lords of the Treasury. He was surgeon to the invalids at Tynemouth Castle, and there was due for medicines delivered to the invalids 110*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*, as appeared by the bills signed by the Hon. Col. Villiers, Governor of Tynemouth Castle, which with four years attendance of himself and servant at 20*l.* a year amounted to 170*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*; praying payment.

Also a detailed account of the medicines supplied and their prices.

Minuted:—"14 July 1702. Ref. to E. Ranelagh." 10 *pages.*

July 14. 130. Report of Mr William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert Barker, Esq., Deputy Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer, as to an allowance for a clerk from the year 1697. Dated 14 July 1702.

Minuted: "My Ld dos not think fit to make any addiconal allowance to ye petr for his own service, it being ye duty of his

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office. But ye 260li expended by him to be paid out of ye arrears of taxes. Wt done." Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 14. 131. Letter from Sir John Morden to Mr Lowndes, on behalf of John Richards, who had laid down his Commission as an officer of excise at Knaighton [? Knighton] in Radnorshire, asking for a gauger's place.
Minuted :—" 14 July 1702. Ref. to Comrs Excise.' 1 *page.*

July 14. 132. Representation of the Governor & Compy of the Bank of England to the Lord High Treasurer, with a certificate of the examination of the same by Mr Christopher Tilson. Dated 14 July 1702. There is also another certificate connected therewith. 3 *pages.*

[July 14.] 133. Memorial of Richard Povey, treasurer for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners at war, applying for 5,000*l.*
In the *Minute Book,* Vol. II. p. 217, 14 July 1702, is an order for 3000*l.* to be issued to the Treasurer of the navy for this service. 1 *page.*

[? About July 14.] 134. " A state of the farm of the Royal Oak Lottery." Also a list of sums charged thereon, and the names of the persons, with some suggestions about the same.
Minuted :—" 14 July 1702. Order'd as propos'd in ye state."
Also another paper containing similar information. 3 *pages.*

[? About July 14.] 135. Copy of an affidavit made by Isaac Marryott, of the parish of St Sepulchre, London, gentleman, a messenger of the land revenue of the Crown in the time of King Charles the Second, and afterwards clerk assistant in the auditors' office; as to *supers* in the receivers' accounts of revenue, which in time became concealments, &c. Dated 3 May 1699.
Minuted :—" 14 July 1702. He is referr'd to Mr Att."

[? About July 14.] 136. Petition of Thomas Staples, Esqre to the Lord High Treasurer. He held the office of Steward of the Lordships of the Castle and Honor of Windsor, also of all the Courts of Record, &c., praying for the arrears of his fee of 9*l.* 2/6 from Mich. 1697.
Also a certificate in his favour.
Minuted :—" 14 July 1702. To be pd at ye Excheqr ½ a year wth ye other arrears." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 14.] 137. Petition of John Vanbrook to the Lord High Treasurer for his personal and servants' pay, he having had a company in the Second Marine Regiment, commanded by the Rt Hon. Lord Berkeley.
Also " the state thereof."
Minuted :—" 14 July 1702. He must apply to ye Collonel." 3 *pages.*

[? About July 14.] 138. Petition of William Tagg, keeper of the privy garden gate, leading to the Cockpit, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a settlement of his salary, having served eight years in the place without salary. By the fire at Whitehall and the absence of the Court his perquisites were very small and inconsiderable.

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Minuted:—" 14 July 1702. To be considerd upon making the establishmt." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About July 14.] 139. Petition of Charles Gifford, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. His annuity of 300*l.* granted him for being the " chiefest instrument" in the preservation of King Charles II. after the battle of Worcester, was nine years in arrear. He was of great age and bedridden, and prayed for part of his arrears.

Minuted:—" 14 July 1702. Half a year will be paid amongst arrears on certificate he's alive." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About July 14.] 140. Petition of Samuel Day, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer praying to be paid a year of his salary (240*l.*) as Lieut.-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bermudas or Summer Islands in America.

Minuted:—" 14 July 1702. To be pd ½ a year amongst ye arrears." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About July 14.] 141. Petition of Lieut.-Col. John Caulfeild in behalf of himself and the officers of the regiment of foot, late under the command of Col. Robert White, for a warrant to Lord Coningsby to empower him to give credit for 934*l.* 13*s.* 4¼*d.* to the above officers.

Also the particulars of the charges made on the regiment.

Minuted:—" 14 July 1702. This matter is before ye Comrs of Accots & my Ld. cannot do any thing in it." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 14.] 142. Memorial of Herbert Randolph, Esq., for the salary of 100*l.* per ann. (as granted to Dr Oxenden his predecessor), to be granted to him as Judge of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports out of the prizes during the war and afterwards out of the Exchequer.

At the foot is:—" The Earle of Winchilsea has mentioned this business to my Lord Treasurer."

Minuted:—" 14 July 1702. Privy seale to be renew'd & to be [con]fin'd [to pr]izes." 1 *page.*

[? About July 15.] 143. " Account of moneys due to Her Majesty at New Providence," for forfeitures, bonds, &c.

Minuted:—" 15 July 1702. To be read when Mr Blathwayt is here." 4 *pages.*

[? About July 15.] 144. Memorial by the Commissioners for adjusting the accots of the prizes in the late war with France, touching a parcel of barilla sold to Mr John James David, merchant.

Minuted:—" 15 July 1702. They must propose wt they think reasonable to be allow'd." 1 *page.*

[? About July 15.] 145. Petition of Peter Beaubuisson, keeper of the late King's private armory and master of his setting dogs, for arrears of salary.

Minuted:—" 15 July 1702. To be pd ½ a year when others are." 1 *page.*

[? About July 15.] 146. Petition of Sir Henry Furnese and Sir Robert Beachcroft, late Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, praying for disbursements to

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be made good to them for apprehending and convicting highwaymen and counterfeiters of coin.

Minuted:—" 15 July 1702. Let Mr Powys examine whether ye particulars of this 597. 4. 2 be unappropriated, if so to be applyd in part."

Two certificates of moneys received from them into the Exchequer. 4 *pages.*

[? About July 15.] 147. Petition of the Clerks of the Mint, viz., the warden's two clerks, the master's three clerks, the controller's clerk, the clerk to the Queen's chief clerk, the surveyor of the meltings' clerk, and the assay master's clerk, for an increase to their salaries, they being but 40 pounds per ann. & without fees.

Minuted:—" 15 July 1702. Not granted." 1 *page.*

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July 17. 1. Letter of the Earl of Rochester to the Lord High Treasurer. He had considered the papers relating to the Lord Viscount Blessington's claim to a waste plot of ground in Limerick, and finding by the report of Mr Brodrick, Solicitor General in Ireland, to the Lords Justices there, that he had examined that Lord's title to the same and allowed it, & by the Lord's Justices' report that the soldiers in garrison at Limerick could not want the piece of ground, he thought it reasonable his Lordship should have his land to dispose of to his own use. He believed it would be more for the Queen's service and the benefit of the garrison that the ground should be purchased for Her Majesty. Dated Cockpit, 7 July 1702.

The report of the Lords Justices, the memorial of Viscount Blessington, a letter to him with particulars of the plot in tabular form, and the report of Alan Brodrick, all relating to the same.

Minuted:—" 29 July 1702. To be brought in when my Ld. Lt is here. Prepare a warrt to pay 350l a conveiance being first [made?] by advice of counsel." 8 *pages.*

July 18. 2. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petitions of Elizabeth Molinier, widow, as to the seizure of certain silk. In each of four planks three pieces of silk were found, " and it was wonderful to observe with what art and contrivance the same were let into the said plank and concealed." Dated 18 July 1702.

Minuted:—" 21 July 1702. The peticon is rejected." 3 *pages.*

July 20. 3. " The Earl of Ranelagh's and Mr Blathwayt's report on the petition of the officers of the second battallion of Scots Foot Guards," as to respits. Dated 20 July 1702.

Also the petition and another paper.

Minuted:—" 29th July 1702. My Lord is not satisfied to move the Queen in this till my Lord Marlborough comes over." 4 *pages.*

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July 20. 4. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sr Henry Palmer, Bart., who in 1665 had been constituted steward of Her Majesty's manor of Wingham in Kent; advising that his grant might fitly be renewed. Dated 20 July 1702.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 20. 5. Letter from the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen to Wm Lowndes, Esq. They would keep the account of the charge of the prisoners distinct from that of the sick and wounded. Dated 20 July 1702. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

[About July 21.] 6. Memorial from Sir Theodore Janssen and others to the Lord High Treasurer. The million of gilders payable in August and other causes were the occasion of the fall in the "agio in Holland." They propose that the payment of this million should be postponed for a quarter of a year.

"Read 21st July 1702. Direct Mr Pauncefoot to write to Mr Sweet, sending a copy of this memll and to know how farr this matter is capable of being negotiated in Holld to ye satisfaction of these gentn." 1 *page.*

[About July 21.] 7. Memorial of William Robinson, Deputy Receiver of Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the repayment by the Earl of Ranelagh of 3,534*l.* 17*s.* 9¾*d.* to certain regiments about to be shipped for Ireland.

Minuted:—"21 July 1702. The Lord Ranelagh saies this is pd." 1 *page.*

[?About July 21.] 8. Petition of William Delarose, formerly a collector of excise, to the Lord High Treasurer. Nothing had been done for him in five years, and in November last he submitted a proposal; prays for a warrant for 3*d.* per pound and 441*l.*, or that his proposal might be accepted, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 21 July 1702. To be read againe when Mr Boyle is here."

The proposal referred to.

See a report on his case, Vol. LXXVI. No. 19. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 21.] 9. Letter from Mr Henry Killigrew to William Lowndes, Esq. Sir Stephen Fox retained out of his allowance 52*l.* 15*s.* With all his "vicious extravagances," he had but one 25*l.* to subsist himself, his wife, and five children, from the 10th of March to the 21 of July, &c. If his Lordship would not add to his allowance, he hoped he would give something towards expenses, upon so general a joy as the coronation.

"Read 21 July 1702."

In a paper entitled Abstract of Papers to be laid before the Queen, under date 28 Oct. 1702, is: "The Queen will let him have 50*li.*" 2 *pages.*

July 22. 10. A printed paper entitled: "Quinque partite, {Indenture of conveyance of the dead stock of the two East India companies Dated the 22th of July 1702." 17 *pages.*

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July 20. 11. Printed copy of an indenture tripartite made between the Queen of the first part, the Governor and Company of Merchants trading into the East Indies of the second part, and the English Company trading to the East Indies of the third part, witnessing the terms agreed upon to obviate all future disputes between the companies, with an index thereto. Dated 20 July 1702. 40 *pages.*

July 22. 12. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Edward Noell as to the union of the office of secretary and registrar at an additional salary of 250*l.* per ann. Dated 22 July 1702.

The paper gives the successors in the office of registrar since 1660, &c.

Minuted:—"28 July 1702. My Lord will speak wth ye Comm^rs of Excise when they attend next."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

July 22. 13. Letter of Caspar Fredericé Henning [? to the Lord High Treasurer], laying before him the state of the debt owing on account of Her Majesty's gardens. Dated 22 July 1702.

The statement is not now with it. 1 *page.*

July 23. 14. "A general abstract of the accounts of Her Majesty's revenue in Ireland for one year end[ing] at Christmas 1701." Dated 23 July 1702. 2 *pages.*

July 23. 15. "An Estimate of what the fonds appropriated for the civil governm^t may produce yearly during the present warr."

Also "An estimate of the yearly expence to the civil government."

These estimates contain the details, and are both dated 23 July 1702. 13 *pages.*

July 24. 16. Affidavit of Marmaduke Bealing, Esq., that he had not given any money to Daniel Foord for the surrender to him of his office of book-keeper for entries of ships coming to the port of London. Dated 24 July 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 28 July 1702. The warr^t to pass." 1 *page.*

July 25. 17. Copy of letter from the officers of ordnance to Mr Bertie, desiring him to receive from the order of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland 1,252*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for 400 barrels of gunpowder sent there, and 1,883*l.* 15*s.* for small shot and flints. Dated 25 July 1702.

Also copies of two orders in council and other papers relating to these ordnance affairs. 4½ *pages.*

July 27. 18. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord [High Treasurer], viz., that he had received orders from the Com^rs of Customs to visit the coast of Kent and Sussex, and to make various enquiries and examinations, and asking leave to proceed therein. Dated 27 July 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 28 July 1702. He has leave to goe on this service." 1 *page.*

July 27. 19. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer. He had considered the petition of Mr Periam, and found that the office of steward of the manor and borough of

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Milverton, in Somersetshire, was granted in 1664 to Aldred Leaman, gen., during pleasure, with the yearly fee of 13*s.* 4*d.* In 1684 the office was continued to him, and in 1687 there were four petitioners for it. The whole rents of the manor, which consists not of copyholds but of freeholds, and the jurisdiction of a leet, amounted to but 6*l.* a year. It was then affirmed that many encroachments had been made on the wastes of the manor, which yielded no benefit to the crown, occasioned by the remissness of the stewards, who, living in the place, were unwilling to offend their neighbours. Mr. Auditor Parsons thought these encroachments might yield 30*l.* or 40*l.* per ann. Mr Harbord reported in 1689 in favour of Mr Periam, "for though the petitioner were an inhabitant of the said burrough, yet it did not appear he had any lands or other interest in ye mannor, which might induce him to indirect practices." The petitioner had raised 40*s.* per ann. to the crown by arrenting some encroachments. He saw nothing to prevent the renewal of the petitioner's constitution. Dated 27 July 1702.

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1702. Agreed."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 28. 20. "An abstract of the receivers' letters about the subsidy" for the year 1702, giving their opinions as to what it was likely to raise. Dated 28 July 1702. 2 *pages.*

July 28. 21. Extract from a letter of Mr Stanhope, dated at the Hague Aug. 8 / July 28 1702 to Mr Secretary Hedges. Mr Buys, the pensionary of the burgomasters, considered that those who might have had the advantage should submit to the loss. The medium of the "agio" of bank money being 5 per cent. had been 8 or 9 sometimes, which would have been greatly to their advantage, but happened to be only two and three quarters, to which those gentlemen had themselves contributed by offering a glut of bank money to be sold altogether.

Minuted:—"Shew this to Sr St. Evance & partners." 1¼ *pages.*

July 28. 22. Memorial of Antonio Verrio to the Lord High Treasurer. His late Majesty contracted with Seignior Verrio for painting his great bedchamber at Hampton Court at a rate certain, which came to 400*l.* and was paid. It was agreed he should be paid at the same rate for whatever work he did. He had painted the great staircase and little bedchamber, amounting to 1,800*l.* There remained due of that sum 1,190*l.*, besides what was since done at Windsor. Signior Verrio's necessities were very pressing for money, and without speedy assistance he was like to be reduced to very great extremity. Praying for payment.

Minuted:—"28 July 1702. 600li to be p̃d him on this accot out of the mo. come in before 8th March last." 1 *page.*

[About July 28.] 23. Petition of Peter Beaubuisson in the same terms as that previously described under date 15 July 1702.

Minuted:—"28 July 1702. To be layd before ye Qu. 5th August 1702. Nothing for the arms; a new contract for the setting doggs." 1 *page.*

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[? About July 29.] 24. Letter of Ann FitzHarry to the Lord High Treasurer, asking his Lordship to do something for her, her landlord having seized what little she had.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. It has been refused."

There is also a petition from her of a little earlier date in which she says she married the son and heir of Sir Edward Fitz Harreys, Baronet, and brought 6000*l.* into the family. She prayed to have the quit rents of Sir Edward's estate.

This was *minuted*:—"It cannot be granted." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 29.] 25. Petition of Captain Richard Upton to the Lord High Treasurer, pressing his claims as set forth in a report and petition annexed, viz.:—

Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on his petition. He had for four years commanded the Falmouth smack in the service of the customs, and his station was to ply from Falmouth to Plymouth. By his exertions the Crown received 14,500*l.* besides 1,965*l.* omitted in accounts of ships entered, &c. Recommending him for reasonable recompense, and further recommending him to be appointed to the command of a frigate to cruise on the coast of Cornwall as a guard against the French privateers. Dated 8 June 1702.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. He is now upon his probac̃on in a new ship & if he continue his good services he shall be considerd all together." 4 *pages.*

July 29. 26. Petition of Robert Stephens, messenger of the press, to the Lord High Treasurer. His salary was three years in arrear. Prays for payment as far as the messengers are paid.

Also copy of a warrant and a certificate of Mr William Vanbrugh.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. Pay him as far as ye other messengers." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 27. Petition of Elinor Pendrill, widow and relict of Humphrey Pendrill, deceased. Her husband had been instrumental in preserving King Charles II. at the Royal Oak, for which she had a grant of 100 nobles per ann. for life; but after the death of Queen Mary she received only 10*l.* per ann. She was very ancient, weak, almost blind, and "past her labour;" prays for 20*l.* per ann. out of the royal bounty.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. To be p̃d ½ a year wth ye others." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 28. Petition of Ann Palmer, widow, to William Lowndes, Esq. She was daughter to Charles Nevill, formerly coach harness maker to King Charles II., to whom at his death 3,000*l.* were due. The petitioner had married Mr Palmer, a yeoman of the guard to King Charles II., and was left with four small children; praying for relief.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. It cannot be done." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 29. Petition of Robert Bedoe, deputy housekeeper of Whitehall, to the Lord High Treasurer. It was by Act of Parliament enjoined,

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that the housekeeper of the palace of Whitehall should keep the street before the palace (extending from the further gate of Scotland Yard to King Street, Westminster), twice a week swept and cleaned; praying for the continuance of the former settlement of 100*l.* for the same.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. My Lord sees no reason to continue this." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 30. Representation made by John Peters to the Lord High Treasurer in respect to the manors of Epworth, Stapleford-Abbotts alias Stapleford-Regis, and other premises, reported on by the Attorney and Surveyor General, annexing an extract as to other properties, the grant of which in counsel's opinion would not be vexatious; praying commisseration for his deplorable circumstances (he having been above 14 months a prisoner in his own house, and lost his wife through oppression and grief at these misfortunes), and that these particulars might be referred to the Attorney General, that petitioner might obtain a lease of the premises.

The properties in the accompanying extract are:—

(1.) A tenement called Moor Hall with some lands in Upwell in Norfolk.

(2.) The manor of Netherhall and Overhall [in Dedham], Essex, and of Crippinghall in Suffolk, held by Robert Wingfield.

(3.) Encroachments in His Majesty's waste lands in Cookham and Bray, with liberty to enclose waste lands there.

Minuted:—"29 July 1702. My L^d^ adheres to ye minutes on Mr Attorneys Rept." 4 *pages.*

July 30. 31. Letter of Sir Stephen Fox to William Lowndes, Esq. He had desired the Lord High Treasurer's favour in renewing a warrant for John Betteley, who had been a clerk in the Controller's Office at the Excise; urging Mr. Lowndes to speak to the Lord High Treasurer for the continuance of the clerk named. Dated Bath, 30 July 1702.

Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. My L^d^ cannot agree to this part."

Also a letter from Mr John Betteley to Sir Stephen Fox. 2 *pages.*

July 30. 32. Report of the Lord Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Paul Docminicq, Esq., as to his accounts. Dated 30 July 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"11 Augt 1702. To be consider'd when my Lord Ranelagh is here." 3 *pages.*

July 30. 33. "Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Jacob Vanderpoel, postmaster at the Briel in Holland, who had the care of all letters, orders, and dispatches, sent to him by the late King's commands, and had managed Her Majesty's affairs in shipping English disabled soldiers and others at Briel or Helvoetsluys." The King gave him a pension of 100*l.* per ann. out of the Post Office. He still exercised the same office and

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prayed for a continuance of the pension: confirming the petitioner's claims, and further stating that part of his duty was to examine and inspect the passes of all such persons as might be suspected enemies to the Government, and attempt to come over in the packet boats for England. Dated 30 July 1702.

The petition referred to. 2¼ *pages.*

[? July.] 34. Petition of Jonathan Rogers, gent., Henry Tuck, and Richard Pocock, executors of the will of Ann James, wife of Edmund James, praying to be allowed to continue the custody of Margaret James, an idiot, the daughter of the said Edmund and Ann his wife, together with her estate. The petitioner had been informed that the Attorney General had advised the granting of the same to Thomas Moreton, Esq.

In the *Letter Book*, Vol. XI. p. 37, is a letter dated 30 June 1702, as to the sum to be allowed to Mr. Moreton and his wife for this service. 1 *large page.*

July. 35. Two letters of Mr. William Rider, report of Mr. Philip Ryley, and a letter from the Earl of Feversham and persons composing the Queen Dowager's Council, as to the condition of the lodges in the Forest of Whittlewood and the repair of the same.

There is also an extract from the Patent to the Queen Dowager.

The last of the letters is dated . . . July 1702, and the last minute is:—"24th Nov. 1702. Ordered." 6 *pages.*

[? July or August. 36. "Mr Baron Price's case as to his salary for Trinity Terme, 1702," the question being whether he had a claim for the same.

Mr Justice Turton and Mr Baron Hatsell had each a letter from the Lord Keeper the day before Trinity term to let them know the Queen had superseded them, and they claimed the whole salary. Lord Chief Justice Trevor sat but two days and had the whole term's salary.

Minuted:—"The two former judges to be p̃d to ye times their supersedeas's bear test [8 June], and the two new judges from that time." 1 *page.*

1 Aug. 37. "A scheme of Her Mats severall gardens & plantations undertaken on ye 1st of August 1702 to be kept p̃ Henry Wise." 3 *large pages.*

1 Aug. 38. An application from Lord Howe to the Lord [High Treasurer] for 140*l.* per annum for his clerks employed to control the malt duty. Dated Langar, 1 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page, quarto.*

3 Aug. 39. "Salt Comrs presentment for allowance for officers taxes:" recommending exemption of officers having less than 100*l.* per ann. Dated 3 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

3 Aug. 40. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Charles Fryth for an allowance in hammered money imported into Chester Mint, in the months of

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July and August 1697; giving a detailed account of the receipts at the Mint, which more fully appeared by the annexed testimony of Mr Halley, Controller of the Mint, recommending that Mr Fryth's accounts should pass. Dated 3 Aug. 1702.

Accompanied by "The case between Mr Charles Frith, collector of Excise for the county of Chester and his Maties mint there duly stated." Signed "Edm. Halley."

Minuted:—"Read 4 Aug. 1702. My Lord agrees wth the Report. Read this in ye afternoon to Comrs of Excise." 3¼ *pages.*

3 Aug. 41. Docquetted: "Supers depending upon the late Commrs of Excise &ca anno 1698."

Signed at the foot "3d Augst 1702. Ex p Geo. Bruere." 1 *page.*

4 Aug. 42. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sir John Manwaring, baronet, recommending that the petitioner should have the liberty of his person on condition that he paid the charges of the prosecution against him and that he and his son Mr Thomas Manwaring should enter into a bond for 10,000*l.* for payment of the 4,600*l.* mentioned in his petition, &c. Dated 4 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 4 Augt 1702 & agreed."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

4 Aug. 43. "Sums remaining due to clear the half year intended to be paid according to the scheme for fees and salarys payable at the Exchequer."

The total was 20,118*l.* 18*s.* 5¾*d.*

"Rests unsatisfyed this 4th August 1702, 13,388 18 5¾."

The names of the persons as well as the amounts are given, and against several are notes as to their payment. 3 *pages.*

4 Aug. 44. "4th Aug. 1702. } Sums remaining unsatisfyed on the scheme of distributions sent to the Exchequer in January last, which were intended to have been paid by Midsummer 1702." 1 *page.*

4 Aug. 45. "Debts for the last ⅓ payment for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners," on which a payment appears to have been ordered on 4 Aug. 1 *page.*

4 Aug. 46. "Sums remaining due to clear the half year intended to be paid according to the scheme for pencons & annuities payable at the Exchequer."

It is a list of pensioners. 1 *page.*

[? About 5 Aug.] 47. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Queen, on the petition of Ferdinando Hastings, late brigadier, who had done the Crown considerable service in Scotland and Flanders, and was disabled by long service and sickness; recommending him to the Royal compassion and bounty. Undated.

Written on the back of the petition.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI. p. 232, 5 Aug. 1702, is:—"Brigadiers pay to be allowed him from the contingencys if there be room for it." 2 *pages.*

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1702. [? About 5 Aug.] 48. Petition of Peregrine Marquiss of Carmarthen to the Queen. He had a reversion of the Auditor's place of the Exchequer which was "unjustly possessed by the Lord Hallifax." His arrears of pension amounted to 9,000*l.* He built a small frigate at the King's charge out of the waste timber, &c. in one of the King's yards. His Majesty took the vessel "the Peregrine galley" for his own use, and promised 1,000*l.* a year till the debt was satisfied: prays an order for 1,000*l.* to fit out the vessel for the Queen's service and for the 1,000*l.* per annum.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu.

5th August 1702. The Queen inclines rather to give him the ship. Q. If the Admiralty." 1 *page.*

5 Aug. 49. Certificate that the gentlemen of the Chapel Royal had yearly, during the last reign, received 20*l.* in lieu of three deer. Dated 5 Aug. 1702.

Also their memorial.

Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. If they have a pretence to 3 deer my Ld hopes ye Queen will give them." 2 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 5. 50. Mr Auditor Shale's Report on the petition of Samuel Hawes as to a debt of 200*l.*, for which he was bound with the late Lord Griffin (whose estate was vested in the crown) to James St Amand, apothecary in Covent Garden; recommending the debt to be paid out of the estate. Dated 5 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"12 Augt 1702. To be laid before ye Queen."

Also the petition and two other documents. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 51. "Order of Councill on my Lord Treasurer's Report to the Queene concerning stores and armes to be sent to Virginia." Dated 6 Aug. 1702.

Also copy of the estimate. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 8. 52. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh and Mr Wm Blathwayt, on the petition of Col. Edmund Rouse, Governor of Upnor Castle, praying to be allowed such an established pay, as the Governors of Sheerness and Tilbury had. The pay of each of the Governors of Sheerness, Gravesend, and Tilbury had been 20*s.* a day, but was reduced to 300*l.* per ann. Dated 8 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"20 Augt 1702. There is no room for encreasing ye allowance on ye establishmt, but when any place falls, my Ld will move ye Queen for him."

Also the petition, in which he says he was the eldest lieut.-col. in the army. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 10. 53. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer. The necessities of the artificers were very great, 57,910*l.* 13*s.* 5¼*d.* being due to them. They had exhausted their stocks to serve the office, and tried their credit as far as it would go. Unless something were ordered they must lie in prison and their families starve, and nobody would credit this office for the future. Dated 10 Aug. 1702.

Also the petition signed by 59 persons, together with a list of the debts, the names of persons being alphabetical.

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Minuted :—"18 Aug. 1702. The Queen is not in a condition to pay this debt at p̄sent. But know how & where these debts were contracted particularly." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 54. Letter of Sir John Stanley to Wm Lowndes, Esqre, Secretary to the Ld High Treasurer, by the Ld Chamberlain's direction, sending a list of offices and places immediately under the Ld Chamberlain; also copy of King James's establishment for riding charges to the servants above stairs, upon progresses and removes of the Court; there having been no establishment for riding charges made in the late reign, except for some few servants who attended on the King beyond sea. Dated Aug. 11 1702.

The second paper referred to is not now with it. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 55. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to taking the oath anew by the Comrs, their commission having been renewed. The Comrs finding themselves surprized, the time being supposed to have elapsed, beg pardon for their omission and pray advice how the matter might be rectified. Dated 11 Aug. 1702.

Minuted :—"Prepare a new warrt." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 11.] 56. Petition of Jane Viner, wife of John Viner, to the Lord High Treasurer for the reinstatement of her husband, who had been dismissed from a tidewaiter's place.

Minuted :—"Read 11 Aug. 1702. He cañot be restored, being guilty of fraud." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 11.] 57. Petition of Michael Wadding to the Queen. He had become a Protestant, and so lost a considerable allowance from his relations and friends, as made known to the Queen by the Lord Almoner and the Duchess of Ormond. The Queen had ordered him 10*l.*, on which he had lived rather than listen to the offers of his relations. He had a fair prospect of being preferred in Ireland, and prayed for relief to enable him to go there.

Minuted :—"11th Augt 1702. 10li to goe to Ireld but to have no more." 1 *page.*

Aug. 12. 58. Report of the Comrs of Customs touching several prize ships intended to be brought from some western ports to London. Dated 12 Aug. 1702.

Also representation from the Comrs of Prizes, and a schedule of the ships and their burthens. 3 *pages.*

[About Aug. 12.] 59. Petition of the King's heralds and pursuivants-at-arms, to the Lord High Treasurer, for their coronation fees, amounting to 312*l.* They mention also that three years of their salary were due.

The particulars of the same fees.

Referred 12 Augt. 1702.

On the back is the following report :—

"Upon examining tbe precedts of the 2 last reigns, I find there was paid to the petrs, to wit, by a privy seal, dated 12 January 1686, as followeth :—

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For coronation of K. J. 2d - -	100li.
For severall scarlet robes - -	167
For his Mats assuming his stall at Windsor as Soveraigne of ye Garter - -	40
And for larges [*largesse*] on creacõn of 86 noble men & noble women at 5*li.* each -	430
	737

And

By a warrt under ye sign manuall of ye late K. W. 3d dated 3d Decr 1700, grounded on the generall privy seal, there was paid to them ye like 3 sums of 100l, 167li & 40li, for ye coronacõn of K. W., and 230li for largessses on creation of 46 noblemen. But their demand of 100li more for ye coronacõn of late Q. was rejected. The allowances wch they now pray, are exactly ye same as was paid for ye 2 last coronations. J. Taylour."

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1702. Order'd." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 60. Letter of the Duke of Leeds [? to the Lord High Treasurer] on behalf of his brother "Osborne," whose fate had been very hard in being turned out of his employment without cause, as the King acknowledged to the Duke, when he did it; and for that reason the King gave him a patent for 200*l.* per ann., on which he was put to charges, &c., expressing a wish that he might be employed at a salary. Dated 12 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrt to renew his pencoñ." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 14. 61. Report of Mr. J. Taylour to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sir Tho. Cuddon, Chamberlain of London, for an allowance of 1,052*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*, for charges in receiving out of the Exchequer 869,996 *li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and repaying the same to the several lenders, &c.; also as to 100*l.* paid by him to Col. Philip Howard in the year 1699. Dated 14 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. My Ld agrees to ye report wth ye addicõn yt ye 100li p̃d to Coll. Howard be repaid out of arrears of taxes."

Also, a further minute, on 17 Aug. 1703, as to the payment of the same to the widow of the Chamberlain. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 62. Report of Mr Philip Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer, as to payment of a carpenter's bill for work done in Richmond Park. Dated 14 Aug. 1702.

The petition and the bill.

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1702. It is plain yt nothing more ought to be p̃d to ye petr." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 63. Report of Mr J. Taylour to the [Lord High Treasurer] on the petition of the Deputy Chamberlains for joining tallies; 2*s.* for every 1,000*l.* in tallies joined was usually allowed in the three last reigns, &c. Dated 15 Aug. 1702.

Also a certificate. 2½ *pages.*

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Aug. 17. 64. Letter of Mr William Popple, junr to Wm Lowndes, Esq., as to the securities to be taken for Sir Nathaniel Johnson, who was appointed governor of Carolina; enclosing draft of a bond approved by the Attorney General. Dated 17 Aug. 1702.
Minuted:—"Order'd."
[The draft not now with it.] 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 65. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the yearly allowance and arrears to the three keepers of Cranborne Chace. Dated 17 Aug. 1702. 1 *page.*

Aug. 18. 66. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Joseph Bernet, praying to be paid as engineer for the years 1697 and 1698. A warrant would be necessary for him to obtain debentures on the Irish forfeitures. Dated 18 Aug. 1702.
Minuted:—"12 June 1710. My Lord hath no authority to doe what is proposed in this report." 1 *page.*

Aug. 18. 67. Report of Samuel Atkinson, one of the late Comrs of Transports, on the petition of Philip Causton and Hannah his wife, as to delivery of certain debentures. Dated 18 Aug. 1702.
Also the petition and copy of two other papers.
Minuted:—"Read 21 Aug. 1702. My Lord doth not think it proper to interpose in this matter, but leaves it to be determined by law." 5 *pages.*

Aug. 18. 68. Letter of Mr R. Barker to William Lowndes, Esq., as to bonds given by receivers or accountants; also as to the issue of *scire facias* against receivers, &c. Dated 18 Aug. 1702.
Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 69. Petition of Dame Elizabeth Hamilton to the Lord High Treasurer. After her father, John, Lord Hamilton, and her husband Sr Robert Hamilton, of Stenop, Bart., had lent King Charles I. and King Charles II. 13,860*l.* and wasted and spent in their service 3,700*l.* *per ann.* of the paternal estates, her husband and father prevailed with her to sell 300*l.* per ann., her jointure, for 6,500*l.*, which was lent to King Charles II. at Worcester. Being thus ruined, King Charles II. granted her the reversion of Sir Robert Henley's office, in which she spent 300*l.*; and His Majesty gave it from her to the Duchess of Cleveland, for the Earl of Arlington's and Duke of Grafton's lives, and promised her an equivalent, but never gave it. Her case had long been before the Treasury board. The late King had often promised her relief. She was involved in debt and had become helpless. Her late Majesty allowed her 100*l.* a year, which after her death was reduced to 44*l.* She had brought up seven children, and her only son Sir Robert Hamilton had been disabled in service, when Col. Hamilton and Sir Robert Douglass were slain; 66*l.* per ann. which the late King ordered for her support had been unpaid for six years; prays for a settlement to be made upon her.

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Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. To be laid before ye Queen." Again: "Windsor 24 Augt 1702. To be considered when Mr Nicholas' list is lookt over." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 18.] 70. Petition of the Gentlemen Pensioners to the Queen, praying to be exempted from the taxes on their salaries, as they always had been until the year 1697.

Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. My Lord can give no order contrary to ye Act of Parl^{t}." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 71. Petition of Wm Conyers to the Lord High Treasurer. He went into Holland before the Revolution to serve his country and brought hither and dispersed the Prince of Orange's declaration, at no small hazard; praying for some little money.

Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. My Lord would rather give him some employm^{t} y^{t} he is fit for."

There is also a copy of a minute from the *Minute Book* of 1693 in his favour. 1 *page and a few lines.*

[? About 18 Aug.] 72. Petition of the master, assistant, and marshall of the ceremonies, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of half a year's salary, as had been directed to the foreign ministers.

Minuted:—"18 Augt 1702. ½ a year to be paid." 1 *page, quarto.*

19 Aug. 73. Memorial of Francis Paynter to the Lord High Treasurer. He had been appointed to receive such moneys arising by prizes as should belong to the captors, and to pay and distribute the same. John Brewer, Esq., by a patent was appointed Receiver General of prize money, and the memorialist sought that Mr. Brewer should be instructed to pay over to him the moneys due to the captors. Dated 19 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"21 Aug. 1702. My Lord canot give the orders desired, and if such a particular office is necessary, it ought to be by letters patent regularly procured."

Also the copy of the appointment of the memorialist. 3½ *pages.*

19 Aug. 74. "List of accompts from the plantations, presented to the Honble the Commissioners of Accompts the 19th day of August 1702."

On the dorse is:—"Bro^{t} in by Mr. Blathwayt 20 Aug. 1702, with 54 papers, viz., 26 of New York, 13 of Maryland, and 15 of Virginia." 4 *pages.*

20 Aug. 75. Report of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General to the Queen, on the petition of Robert Lucy, Esq,, receiver of the temporalties of the bishopric of St David's, for compensation for his expenses in obtaining the deprivation of Doctor Thomas Watson, late bishop there. His opinion was that the petitioner could not be gratified, as there was a suit depending in the Court of Exchequer as to the validity of the sentence, which must come before the Peers. Dated 20 Aug. 1702.

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There is also a paper *docquetted*:—"Arch Bps meml abt Mr Lucy." *Minuted*:—"Read 29 Oct. 1703. My Lord having given him time, and he having promised to pay wthin that time, my Lord sees no reason to enlarge the time." $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

20 Aug. 76. Representation of the Agents for Taxes, asking the Lord High Treasurer to give directions for the Remembrancer to make use of the duplicates of taxes in the Exchequer as often as they required. Dated 20 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

21 Aug. 77. Report of Sir Edward Northey, knt, Attorney General, on the petition of Mr Husband. He finds that Horatius Stanton, the intestate in the petition named, was a bastard, and died intestate and indebted to the petitioner upwards of 250*l.*, was also possessed of personal estate of 500*l.* value, and by reason of his illegitimacy had no kindred by law entitled to the administration of his personal estate; but by the law the property of all goods which is not in anybody else, devolving to Her Majesty, on the death of the said intestate, it was and is in Her Matyes power to direct to whom the administration of his personal estate should be granted by the Ordinary. Administration had been granted to the petitioner as principal creditor. It would be just that the petitioner should be satisfied. Her Majesty might ratify the administration to the petitioner, or direct a new administration to be granted to him or any other, in trust in the first place out of the personal estate of the deceased to satisfy the petitioner's debt, and after to account to the Queen for the remainder. Dated 21 Aug. 1702.

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

21 Aug. 78. Two papers docqueted:—"A coppy of Mr Roberts exhibit SS.

Brot in by Mr Ja. St Jno, 21 Aug. 1702. "G. K."

Containing accounts of expenses for "the regiment of foot formerly commanded by the late Col. Herbert, afterwards by Sr John Morgan, and now commanded by Colo Ingoldsby." The expenses extended from 1689 to 1691. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

21 Aug. 79. Certificate signed D. Pigeon as to the transportation to and from Ireland of the first troop of Horse Guards and Grenadiers from 1 Jan. 1690 to the last of March 1692. Dated 21 Aug. 1702.

Minuted:—"My Ld Marleborough's troop not to be charg'd wth ye transportacon." $\frac{1}{4}$ *of a page.*

[About 21 Aug.] 80. Petition of the Rt Hon. John Vaughan, Esq., Lord Lisburne and Baron of Feathers in Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that his father and grandfather had the stewardship of the courts of the manors of Mevenith, Croythyn, Heninniock, Caerwedros, and Perveth, in the county of Cardigan. It had also been held in trust for the petitioner, but the grant was about to expire; praying a new grant.

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1702. Granted."

Copy of the grant. 2 *pages.*

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1702. [About 21 Aug.] 81. Petition of Cornet Lewis Jones to the Lord High Treasurer. In consideration of his faithful services to King Charles II., and his sufferings in the year 1681, in the defence against the Irish of the castle of Castletown, near Limerick, in Ireland, &c., he was allowed a pension of 3*s.* a day, on which 200*l.* were due to him; praying to have his case referred to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and that his pension might be transferred from the establishment of England to that of Ireland, as his poor family resided there.

Minuted:—" 21 Augt 1702. Ref. to E. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

[? About 21 Aug.] 82. Petition of Sr Michael Biddulph, Bart., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be discharged from prison, to enable him to raise 800*l.* to pay a debt to Her Majesty, he being a bondsman with Mr Morgan Whitley, formerly receiver of Chester and North Wales.

Minuted:—" 21 Augt 1702. Referrd. to ye agents. My Ld will write to Sr Jno Leveson Gower in this matter." 1 *page.*

[? About 21 Aug.] 83. Report of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Anthony Rowe, Esq. He was of opinion that the 250*l.* mentioned could not be discharged, except by the Queen's warrant, to acknowledge satisfaction, or by Privy Seal.

Minuted:—" 21 Augt 1702. My L^{d} will speak wth Mr. Att. Gen^{ll} upon this."

Also the petition, and a letter from Mr. Anthony Rowe to the Lord High Treasurer. 3 *pages.*

24 Aug. 84. Letter of the Com^{rs} of Victualling to William Lowndes, Esq., excusing themselves from examining the accounts of Philip Papillon, Esq., late cashier of the victualling, &c. They would require a deal of care and diligence, and more time than they could spare, especially when there was such a vast fleet at sea, and at a time when they were preparing accounts for the Com^{rs} for stating public accounts. Dated 24 Aug. 1702.

Also a letter of Mr Philip Papillon to the Ld High Treasurer on the subject of his accounts. 2 *pages.*

24 Aug. 85. " An acco^{t} of what is due to the six regim^{ts} of marines from ye 10th of March 1701–2 to the 24th of Augt following inclu."

There is also another acc^{t} for the same period, and in addition to the 24th of December. 4 *pages.*

[About 24 Aug.] 86. Letter from the Duke of Northumberland [? to the Lord High Treasurer], enclosing Sir Christopher Wren's estimate of work to be done in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle, when he was constituted Constable. The workmen were very importunate with him for discharge of their bills. The income of the employment would not reimburse him for some years. He had suffered great loss by discount of tallies in the last war. Asks his Lordship to move the Queen on his behalf.

Minuted:—" Windsor, 24 Augt 1702. Ordered."

The estimate and a further bill. 4 *pages, or parts of pages.*

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25 Aug. 87. Report of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mary Case, whose deceased husband was surgeon of Her Majesty's Yard at Deptford, and was employed to take care of the sick and wounded, viz., as to the balance of the account due to him. Dated Aug. 25, 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"3 Feb. 1702. Lre. to pay the pet^r what is due." 2 *pages.*

27 Aug. 88. Letter of Mr Edward Hildeyard to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the petition of Mr. Edward Boddicot of Richmond in Surrey. The writer was deputy to the Lord Capel, who was chief steward of the manor of Richmond, and at a court held for the same in 1695, Mr Cage, an attorney, as agent for Lord Capel, and Mr Thomas Barnes, his bailiff, attended and received the fines and profits of the court, and Mr Cage bespoke the jury's dinner. Mr Boddicot had threatened the writer with a suit to compel him to pay for the dinner, amounting to 15*l.* Prays that the truth may be represented to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Aug. 27, 1702.

Minuted:—"4 Novr 1702. W^t to Mr Barnes to pay this, & to be allowed it on acc^t." 1½ *pages.*

28 Aug. 89. Letter *docquetted*:—"From ye Councill for ye affairs of the Admiralty" to the Lord High Treasurer. The office granted to Mr Paynter, in connection with prizes, was absolutely necessary to prevent the injuries and hardships the sailors suffered during the last war, &c. Dated Admiralty Office, 28 Aug. 1702.

Also "Method proposed by Mr Brewer for paying the shares of prizes to the captors." 2 *pages and* 1 *large sheet.*

31 Aug. 90. A "Paper about canvas for the navy, being copy of a letter to the Secretary of his Royal Highness [Prince George of Denmark], apparently from the Navy Board. Dated 31 Aug. 1702. 1½ *pages.*

31 Aug. 91. Memorial representing to the Earl of Rochester, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, the state and case of the officers of the five regiments of foot lately raised and going for Ireland, viz., Col. Farrington's, Col. Stringer's, Lord Mohun's, Sir Richard Temple's, and Col. Gibson's.

At the foot is the reference of the case to Sir William Robinson, Deputy Paymaster of Ireland, to consider and report. Dated 31 Aug. 1702.

Also two other papers about the same regiments. 3 *pages.*

2 Sept. 92. "Agents Report about 105*l.* over-paid by Mr Hosier on review of the Poll." Dated 2 Sept. 1702.

Also a petition and two certificates. 4 *pages.*

5 Sept. 93. "An acco^t of ships and goods condemned for prize from the beginning of the war to the 27th of August 1702, with the Commissioners of Prizes transactions thereupon to the 5th of September following."

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Particulars of two public sales made by the principal Commiss^rs for prizes on Monday 3 Aug. 1702, and Wednesday 19 Aug. 5 *large pages.*

Sept. 5. 94. Letter of Mr William Lowndes to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a letter from a French sloop, containing a proposition for the fishermen of both nations, which he had last night shown to Mr. Warr (Lord Nottingham being gone out of town). They were both of opinion the design of the French was, to get intelligence, and perhaps to convey wool, especially from parts about Dover. His concern was for the defenceless state of Seaford. The Queen had six or seven large guns at a place called the Gun Garden, about half being on good carriages, but sunk in the ground for want of a platform. The enemy might take these guns away without the knowledge of anybody, or they might turn them on the corporation. With two or three more carriages and a small portion of powder and shot, and a small allowance for one gunner, the country would be secured, and the ships would be protected. In the last war a tin ship, worth 10,000*l.* or 12,000*l.*, was defended by these guns against two large privateers. Hastings to the east was provided. There was a report of Lord Rumny on the petition of the inhabitants of Newhaven to have some guns there. Mr Pelham was much concerned for that place. Encloses the petition and report thereon, desiring his Lordship to speak with Sir Charles Hedges, to receive the Queen's pleasure in these matters, which were of more importance than the accommodation for fishermen; and if the public should suffer any great damage for want of a small matter, it would trouble him more than the loss of his interest amongst the people to whom he had been often beholden. He sent also a paper of the cash in the Exchequer. Sir J. Thorold desired that Mr Sampson might be heard before the stewardship of Kirton was granted again to Mr Sanderson. Mr Green, a receiver in Staffordshire, had a process by mistake directed against him to render account. Dated 5 Sept. 1702. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 5. 95. Letter signed "M. Biddulph" to the R^t Hon. Sr John Leveson Gower, Bart., at Bath. He did not doubt he should be able to raise the 800*l.* proposed in his petition by the time mentioned in Sir John's letter. States how he proposed to accomplish it. His confinement made him every day more uneasy, and his health was much impaired. Begs his intercession with his Lordship for his release. Dated Stifford, Sep. 5, 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 9. 96. Letter of the Earl of Rochester to Lord [ ]. Thanks him for the favour to Major Bellew. Sir William Robinson was going to Ireland, and the accounts relating to the five regiments for that kingdom should be settled before he went. There was an article in one of them for 50*l.* foreign to the rest, but he bid Robinson put it in. It was an act of great charity to a deserving officer, then languishing under severe wounds he received some years ago. He had taken care to have the Queen's warrant for

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the 500*l.* to Col. Meredith entered at the Treasury. Dated 9 Sept. 1702. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 15. 97. Extract from a letter from Doctor Bramston, dated 15 Sept. 1702, as to the prize ship Bonadventure and her lading, seized in Ireland, as the goods of enemies, and condemned by the High Court of Admiralty as prize, to his Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral. The letter touches on the jurisdiction of the Lord High Admiral and the Custom House. It also recommends discouragement to be given to collusive trade between France and Ireland. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 19. 98. Copy of order of the Com^rs of Customs to the Receivers of the Revenue, on the arrival of the Virginia fleet, repeating their order not to admit persons into fresh securities, who had neglected to clear their former bonds. (An enclosure.) 1 *page.*

Sept. 21. 99. Estimate of the duties which might arise from the Virginia fleet, lately arrived in the port of Bristol.

Also a smaller paper on the same subject. Dated 21 Sept. 1702. 2 *pages.*

[?About Sept. 23.] 100. Petition of Alexander Johnstown, Esq., to the Queen. Sir Roger Strickland being outlawed and attainted of high treason in 1689, and his estate forfeited, it was found on a commission of inquiry that at the time of his treason he was seized of an estate of Thornton Bridge and Cateract in Yorkshire, of the yearly value of 705*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* In 1691 petitioner caused one Alexander Trissell to be seized for treasonable practices, who was a servant to Sir Roger Strickland, and brought over from Ireland deeds and settlements of Sir Roger's estate in Yorkshire, to protect the estate from forfeiture. He was a witness to the deeds which were perfected at Dublin, about the time of the battle of the Boyne, though they bore date 10 Jan. 1688, being antedated, of which the petitioner informed their Majesties. From the accession of their Majesties to the winter of 1694 he performed many great services to their Majesties, and made an application for a grant of the estate, which was promised by Queen Mary, but her death intervened. The petitioner obtained an "early view" of the assassination plot in the year 1695. In 1696 an annuity of 300*l.* was granted to him for 31 years, and on 25 April 1697 the late King granted that whole estate for 21 years to the petitioner, he having obtained judgments at law, &c. to maintain the King's title. There were 24 suits by a popish and disaffected party concerning the premises, to ruin the petitioner. He refers to a long series of official persons to corroborate his claims, and annexes copies of two other papers for the same purpose. The persons who had opposed the title had confessed that the deed of the "Catteract" was only a redeemable mortgage, and in former suits they swore it was an absolute deed of purchase and no mortgage.

The two documents referred to, viz., a petition and a memorial to the King. The last has this note against it:—"Presented three days before his last fall." It states that the estate consisted partly

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of leases from the Archbishop of York, and partly from inheritance. The true yearly rent or value was about 800*l.* if free from trouble, out of which was paid yearly to the Archbishop, hospitals, &c., 30*l.* or 40*l.*

At the end is an order signed C. Hedges, by Her Majesty's instructions, referring the matter to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Bath, 23 Sept. 1702. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 23. 101. Letter of the Earl of Downe to the Ld High Treasurer on behalf of his kinsman, Mr. Adams, asking that he might be appointed Steward of the Court of St Mary's at York. He was both an honest man and an eminent lawyer. Dated 23 Sept. 1702.

Petition of Benjamin Norcliffe, junior, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, for a renewal of his patent of Steward and Court Keeper of all the manors, &c. in the county of York, which were late parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of St Mary near the walls of the city of York.

Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, on the petition of Thomas Adams, Esq., asking for the above office. Dated 1 Sept. 1702.

Report of Henry Shales, auditor, as to the perquisites of Courts of St Mary's at York. There had not been one farthing answered to the King for the profits of courts since 1671. He had received Court Rolls for four years, and believed there were considerable perquisites of courts, and the Rolls ought to be returned yearly. Dated 5 Jan. 1701. 5½ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 102. A tabular account of the number of letters and the amounts derived from them in the Foreign and Inland Offices.

Docquetted :—"An acc^t^ of states & members' letters for one year & half ending Septr the 29 1702. 1 *page.*

[After Sept. 29.] 103. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for duties on salt to the Lord High Treasurer, for liberty to be granted to the officers for salt, to examine such fish as were brought in as prize, and that before landing they might cut off a part of the tail of every fish.

Minuted :—"An order to mark these fish." *Again :*—"Done." 1 *page.*

Oct. 1. 104. Memorial from the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Ld High Treasurer, for a supply of 5,700*l.* Dated 1 Oct. 1702. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 1. 105. Copy of a letter signed "Tho. Reynolds," unaddressed, as to the sale of prizes taken from the enemy at the port where they were brought by the captors, expressing the opinion that the sales should be made at London, as "'tis the numbers of buyers that makes the market." Dated, "Receivers Office in Towerstreet," October 1, 1702.

With this is a short paper entitled :—"Extract of a letter from

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Plymouth," as to the plunderers of prizes in the late war, who were about to set up again. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 2. 106. [Lord Bellomont's] "Reasons for suspending of Thomas Weaver, Esqre, His Majesty's Collector and Receiver General of this province" [New York].

The reasons were, that he appeared to be a mischievous incendiary, stirring up divisions there as well as in the Leeward Islands before coming; he had shown partiality and corruption, which lessened the excise at New York one third; he had not kept any due account of receipts and payments of revenue, nor transmitted duplicates; he brought the public into debt, and caused several good subjects, of plentiful fortunes, to be accused and prosecuted for treasons and other crimes, to pay the debts of the Government; he procured himself to be appointed Solicitor General (the Solicitor General declining to appear in "such prosecutions"); in combination with others, he prosecuted Col. Nicholas Bayard and Alderman John Hutchins, and caused them to be condemned as traitors, for new invented and unheard of treasons, viz.: signing an address to His Majesty, an address to the House of Commons, and another to the writer, and endeavoured to get Bayard put to death for the same; at the arrival of the writer [Lord Bellomont] he denied having any of the public money in his hands, and would not render account; he interrupted and discouraged the lawful trade of the province, by prosecutions and seizures out of revenge. In conjunction with Col. D'Peyster he procured himself to be paymaster of the forces there, and the officers were rudely and scurrilously treated, &c., and the soldiers "unduly" paid, &c., which caused them to desert. D'Peyster and Weaver on the arrival of the writer had misrepresented that the merchants would not supply money to subsist the forces, &c. Undated, but a copy of this paper is printed in *Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York,* Vol. IV. p. 1012. This copy is dated 2 Oct. 1702. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 107. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. They had perused the several papers of Col. Dudley, Governor of New England, and had previously received duplicates thereof from Col. Dudley. There was nothing remarkable in them, being only lists of shipping at Boston. Dated 2 Oct. 1702.

Inclosed are four lists, and Col. Dudley's letter about the same. 6 *pages, some very large.*

Oct. 5. 108. Paper docquetted:—"Proceedings of the principal Com^rs^ for Prizes from the commencement of ye warr with France and Spaine to the 5th of October 1702." It consists of a tabular account of ships and goods condemned for prize. 1 *large page.*

Oct. 8. 109. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer as to process against the Com^rs^ for the hundred of Broxtow in the co. of Nottingham for a deficiency. Dated 8 Oct. 1702.

Minuted:—"24 Dec. 1702. Read."

Also letter of the Com^rs^ thereon. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 9. 110. Letter of Mr. Chr. Tilson to the Com^rs for examining and stating the Public Accounts, enclosing certain papers relating to compositions upon seizures of St Sebastian wines. Dated 9 Oct. 1702. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 13. 1. Memorial of Samuel Atkinson and Nicholas Roope, Esq^res, appointed to take care of the transportation of Her Majesty's forces, as to the provision of accommodation for the shipment of horses at Harwich. Dated 13 Oct. 1702.
Also a letter on the same subject, and copies of two builders' agreements or specifications as to erection of stabling.
Minuted:—"28 Oct. 1702. Read." 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Oct. 14. 2. "Officers of Her Maj^ts works ab^t ye debt in the office to Michaelmas 1702." Dated 14 Oct. 1702. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a claim of Richard Natt, commander of the Shoreham sloop, in the service of the Customs on the Sussex coast, for 160*l.*, the value of provisions on board the ship, which had gone down in a violent storm, the commander being absent on leave; recommending it as reasonable. Dated 15 Oct. 1702.
Also his petition, affidavit, and account.
Minuted:—"Read 19 Oct. 1702. Agreed to the report." 4 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer about frauds practised by several Excise officers at Bow and Stratford. They would prosecute Thomas Warren, one of their officers, who had received much of the money, but thought it prudent to promise Henry Palmer and James Hurt that they should not be prosecuted, on condition that they made a full discovery. Dated 16 Oct. 1702. 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 16. 5. Report from the same as to an allowance to Sir Basill Dixwell, auditor of the Excise, for an additional clerk. Dated 16 Oct. 1702.
Also a letter from him.
Minuted:—"Approved." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 16. 6. Representation by the principal Com^rs for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to three ships lying at Plymouth, advising that they should be brought to London to be sold. Dated 16 Oct. 1702.
Minuted:—"Approved as best for the Queen's service."

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Also as to duties demanded of merchants on prize goods coming from foreign plantations, &c. Dated 16 Oct. 1702.

[Referred to Com^rs of Customs.]

A warrant and a computation of the duties referred to. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 7. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer "about the goods plundered at St Maries [in Spain], not to have them landed till her Ma^ts pleasure be known." Dated 16 Oct. 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 16. 8. "Debts and interest in the Exchequer upon what fonds first lent, how secured, and the rates of interest now payable for the same." In tabular form. 1 *large page.*

[? About Oct. 16.] 9. The case and humble address to the Queen of Her Majesty's first gentleman of the privy chamber, Sir Robert Killigrew. King William died 400*l.* in arrear to him. He had been arrested at the Queen's suit for poll money. He had improved the Excise in King Charles' time, for which his father and he had a noble reward. He had lost three sons in the service of the crown. He depended on Her Majesty's bounty, which, when she thought fit to withdraw, he should neither envy such as she should make great, nor murmur at his own misfortunes.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Oct. 1702. The Queen will pay him the 5*l.* a week constantly." 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 10. "A particular of the payments of the duty of 25 per cent. on French goods from 28 February 1696, to ye 16 October 1702." 1 *large page.*

[? About Oct. 16.] 11. Petition of Thomas Bone, one of the late King's poor tenants in Cumberland, to the Lord High Treasurer. 2,000*l.* were ordered to be distributed amongst the poor tenants turned out of their farms by Lord Preston, his agents and bailiffs. He only received 50*l.*, and being in debt was thrown into prison: prays assistance.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Oct. 1702. Rejected." 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 12. Presentment of the Salt Office Com^rs to the Lord High Treasurer. Their solicitor, Mr. Henry Palmer, was concerned, with others, in several frauds in the revenue of excise on beer and ale. It was necessary to employ some person to go on with process at law, to whom they might entrust the debtor's bonds and securities. Dated Oct. 16, 1702.

Minuted:—"On Tuesd^a my Lord will speak to Com^rs of Excise." 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, in favour of the continuance of an allowance to Thomas Hall, Esq., cashier for the revenue of excise, there being added to his receipt the present duties on malt. Dated 16 Oct. 1702.

Minuted:—"Approved."

Also the petition of Thomas Hall. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 17. 14. Letter of the Earl of Rochester to the Lord High Treasurer. He had referred Lord Mountjoy's petition to the Lords Justices of Ireland, and sends their report; and they in their turn had referred it to the Com^rs of Revenue, who reported that the castle of Mountjoy and the lands belonging were granted to several persons by King James I. and King Charles II., at the rent of 30*s.* per ann., and as the petitioner was very deserving the Queen's favour, and the castle and lands were the place from whence he took his title, if Her Majesty thought fit to bestow a further term upon him, it would be a favour very well bestowed. The Earl entirely agreed in the recommendation. Dated 17 Oct. 1702.

Also the petition.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 289, 8 Dec. 1702, in relation to this matter, is:—"Granted so far as in Her Ma^ts power." 2¼ *pages.*

Oct. 17. 15. Letter from the Com^rs for Prizes to Mr. Sec^y Lowndes, sending a letter received from Mr. Secretary Hedges, asking for directions to be given by the Ld High Treasurer that the officers of customs should aid them in respect to the goods pillaged from the Spaniards at Port St Marie. Dated 17 Oct. 1702.

Also the letter. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 18. 16. Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Hedges [? to the Com^rs for Prizes] on the same subject. Dated 18 Oct. 1702. 1 *page.*

Oct. 19. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs relating to the duties on prize goods, particularly prize fish, oil, and muscovado sugar of the French plantations. Dated 19 Oct. 1702.

Also three other papers relating thereto. 7 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 20.] 18. Petition of William Delarose to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for a warrant for an allowance of 3*d.* in the pound on all moneys collected by him when he was collector of excise in Hants and Wilts, &c., or that a proposal which he had made to farm the collection of Hampshire and Wiltshire might be accepted.

Minuted:—"20th Oct. 1702. Read." 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Edlin, one of the surveyors of the Port of London, and others, to take charge of the goods plundered from Port St Maries, and brought home in the fleet under Sir George Rook. Dated 20 Oct. 1702. 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 20. A short note, signed Richard Hosier, to William Lowndes, Esq., asking that the Lord High Treasurer might appoint a time to settle the method to pay the remainder of the money upon the Sebastian compositions. Dated 20 Oct. 1702. ¼ *page.*

Oct. 22. 21. Report of the Officers of Works about Mr. Wise's bill and estimates for the plantations on the north side of Windsor Castle, and for the gardens and plantations at Hampton Court and Kensington. Dated 22 Oct. 1702.

Also the bill mentioned. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 23. 22. Letter of [Edward, Earl of] Jersey to the Lord High Treasurer, certifying that Sir Richard Blackmore had attended on His Majesty for two years together at Hampton Court and Kensington, as was set forth in his petition, and had received only 200*l.* a year as physician. He was of opinion he might deserve a recompence for his charges, and for being obliged to neglect his ordinary practice to attend His late Majesty. Dated October 23 [? 1702 or 1703].

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu."

Again:—200*l.* pd. 12 Dec. 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 23. Letter from Mr. W. Popple to W. Lowndes, Esq. The Queen had approved of Edw. Byrch, Esq., as Governor of the Bahama Islands, according to the appointment of the Lords Proprietors of those islands. It more particularly relates to the security of 2,000*l.* to be given by him to observe the acts of trade, and to obey instructions to be sent him from Her Majesty. Dated 23 Oct. 1702. 1¼ *pages.*

[After Oct. 24.] 24. Memorial of Lieut.-General Churchill to the Lord High Treasurer. Tallies being ordered, which were at a great discount, to pay Prince George's regiment of foot, under the command of the memorialist, he suggests that they be paid in ready money as the men were just ordered to Holland and were ready to mutiny. Undated, but the pay was to 24 Oct. 1702. 1 *page.*

Oct. 25. 25. "Vigo, Octob^r 25, 1702. An account of the delivery of the goods and cargoe belonging to the Mary's galloon [galleon] prize, to the sundry ships aftermentioned."

"Acco^t of things taken out of a galleon that was taken by Her Maj^ties ship Monmouth in Vigo Harbour, the 12th of Octob^r 1702." 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 26. 26. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High [Treasurer] on the memorial of John Haines to be made a general supervisor in the counties of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, to prevent the transportation of wool; declining to advise the appointment of such an officer, or to recommend a person who had received the censure of the House of Commons on his knees. Dated 26 Oct. 1702.

The memorial and various other papers. 12 *pages and* 4 *parts.*

Oct. 26. 27. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer. The Queen would have 200*l.* advanced to Mr. Edmund Hawley for his charges in going abroad on matters of importance. Dated Oct. 26, 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 26. 28. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. The Com^rs had received a letter from Captn Edlin and Mr. Brian, the officers despatched to Portsmouth to assist in securing the plunder expected in the fleet from Port St Mary. From Sir George Rook's inventory there was a much greater quantity of goods than was expected, and there was no convenience for landing or housing them in that port. The prize officers suggested they

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should be sent to London or Southampton. Asking further directions. Dated 26 Oct. 1702.

[These goods were not landed at Portsmouth, Southampton, or Cowes, where there was some proposal for landing them, but arrived in the Downs on 10 Nov. See *Letter Book*, Vol. XI., p. 91.]

Also the letter referred to. 2¼ *pages.*

Oct. 27. 29. Presentments of Samuel Atkinson and Nicholas Roope, appointed to take care of the transportation of the Queen's forces between 11 March 1701–2 and Oct. 27,1702. [Probably a broken series.] 20 *pages and* 6 *parts.*

Oct. 27. 30. Report of R. Cotton and Sir Tho. Frankland [? to the Lord High Treasurer] as to the cross road between Bristol and Chester, asking his lordship's directions whether it should be continued. Dated 27 Oct. 1702.

Also an abstract of the account of the profit of the same.

Minuted:—"Read 28 Oct. 1702. A wt to continue it." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 27. 31. "Debt of the office of ordnance for stores delivered and services performed to the 30th day of September 1702, with an account of what contracts and warrants for stores before the said time which are delivered in and ready to be delivered." Dated 27 Oct. 1702. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 32. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of the mayor, commonalty, and other inhabitants of Plymouth. They could in no way agree with the petition, being of opinion that all prize ships and prize goods came to a much better market at London than at any other port. Dated 27 Oct. 1702.

Also the petition with 27 signatures. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 28. 33. A paper headed:—"An extract of the yearly expence of Her Mats household."

Docquetted:—"28 Oct. 1702. Memll for ye houshold 4000*l.* this day orderd upon accot." 1 *page.*

Oct. 28. 34. Petition of John Latton, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. He had had the custody of the harriers for two and a half years, and after the decease of the King, the Prince of Denmark directed him to keep them until further orders. Since Michaelmas the Countess of Marlborough signified the Queen's pleasure that the harriers should be laid aside. He had 800*l.* a year, which was three quarters in arrear, amounting to 600*l.*: prays payment.

Minuted: "28 Oct. 1702. To be laid before ye Queen."

Again:—"8 Decr 1702. The Queen thinks that 200*li* is all that ought to be demanded." 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 28.] 35. Petition of Thomas, Viscount Dupplin of the kingdom of Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer as to his arrears on a perpetuity of 1,000*l.* per ann. out of the 4½ per cent. in Barbadoes.

Minuted:—"28 Oct. 1702. See wt he has recd within a year last past." Then follows what had been paid, and afterwards this

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minute :—"23 Dec. 1702. Half a year out of ye 4 & ½ pr cent. in ye Excheqr to be mencond half a year incurr'd in Her Mats reign to Midsumr last." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 28. 36. Petition of Charles Hore to the Lord High Treasurer. He had discovered a considerable fraud in Her Majesty's brewhouse at St Katharine's and received 100*l.* reward; but had expended more than that amount in the discovery: prays the remainder of Her Majesty's bounty.

Minuted :—"28 Oct. 1702. Upon consulting the late Lord High Admll 100li was thought a sufficient rewd with which he must be satisfied." 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 28.] 37. Petition of Thomas Hyde and Elizabeth his wife, of Poole, in Dorsetshire, to the Queen, praying payment of an annuity of 50*l.*, two years and a half in arrear.

Minuted :—"28 Oct. 1702. To be laid before the Queene with a copy of the privy seale."

"*Again* :—Read to ye Queen, 17th March 1702. Her Maty doth not think fit to renew ye pencon."

Also the copy of the privy seal. 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 28.] 38. Petition of Mary Shirley, widow and administratrix of Thomas Shirley, late serjeant at arms to his late Maty King William, praying payment of arrears of her husband's salary.

Minuted :—"28 Oct. 1702. To be pd as other arrears to ye King's servts are pd." 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 28.] 39. Petition of Thomas Hewitt to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be confirmed in the receivership of the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Warwick, and Leicester.

Minuted :—"28 Oct. 1702. Gilliver to have this unless Hewetts brother obey ye orders for delivering up accots, &c." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 28.] 40. Papers entitled thus :—"Abstract of papers to be laid before the Queen," or "Papers read," between 5 Aug. and 28 Oct. 1702, containing in nearly every instance the minute of what was done upon them. 11 *pages and* 4 *parts of pages.*

Oct. 30. 41. Letter of Messrs Edlyne and Brian [to the Comrs of Customs]. They had viewed all the warehouses at East and West Cowes, and presumed they would hold about 800 tons; they were commodious storehouses. It would save the Queen great charge if the plundered goods were landed there. Dated Oct. 30, 1702.

"Lett Mr Powys attend to morr. as counsel with this & the other papers concerning this matter." 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 42. A short letter to Mr. Lowndes, docquetted :—

"Mr Harnage, about a house to keep Mr Brewer's office in." Dated Oct. 30, 1702.

Minuted :—"If Mr Brewer has no objection it seems reasonable." 1 *page, quarto.*

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Oct. 31. 43. Letter to Mr. Lowndes, docquetted:—"Sr Jeff. Jeffrys, recommending Meredith James & Walter Jeffrys to be recrs of the temporaltys of the Bishoprick of St David's in case Mr Lucy is dismist." Dated St Mary Axe 31 Oct. 1702.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1702. Read." 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 44. Letter signed "E. Dummer" to the Lord High Treasurer. The Governors of the Post Office expect an order under the Queen's sign manual for the rate of letters. He intended to have the next vessel at Portsmouth on the 15th or 16th of November. Dated 31 Oct. 1702.

Encloses letter of R. Warr, asking Mr. Dummer when his vessel would sail. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 45. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr. Lowndes, in relation to the goods plundered from the Spaniards. They forebore despatching orders for carrying the same to Southampton until they knew whether the Ld Treasurer saw fit to alter his warrant. Dated 31 Oct. 1702.

Two other letters, one being from Sir Geo. Parker reporting in favour of Cowes for landing the goods. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 46. Letter of Lord Cornbury to the Lord High Treasurer. He had made enquiry after the bond for 10,000*l.*, which Lord Bellomont obliged Col. Fletcher to give, before he allowed him to go to England; it was in Lady Bellomont's hands, from whom he got it with great difficulty. He enquired into the reasons that induced the exaction of such a bond from Col. Fletcher, there being no complaint against him. By the best information he could get, there was no reason at all, and instead of being in debt to the forces, he found he had subsisted the companies there to 1 May 1697, though Lord Bellomont had actually received the subsistence from 1 Jan. 1696–7; so that Coll. Fletcher was then four months subsistence out of pocket, which he was informed Lord Bellomont had not paid. He did not find that there was any complaint against Col. Fletcher for misapplication of the revenue, nor did he hear of any complaint against him by the people of the province. He held that it was a great hardship to exact the bond, and that it ought to be cancelled and his bondsmen discharged. He had written that he had suspended Mr. Weaver from the Receiver Generalship of the province. He ran away from his bail. After a proclamation for his apprehension he was allowed to return to make up his accounts. He (Lord Cornbury) was obliged to go to Albany to visit the frontiers, and when the accounts were made up Mr. Weaver ran away a second time. Mr. Atwood, who had been chief justice, the gentlemen of the council, and others, pursued him as far as Pennsylvania. They had good security for 2,000*l.* for his appearance, and the bail must pay that amount. He had carried away the books and caused great difficulty. The sickness had raged so furiously at New York that everybody fled into the country who could. By the next conveyance he hoped to send Mr. Weaver's accounts and the accounts of the Comrs, and after that time the

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quarterly accounts should not fail. Mr. Heathcote and Mr. Wenham, two of the Com^rs he had appointed to execute the office of Receiver General, were very good and zealous for the service of the crown, and of good substance; the first was brother of Mr. Gilbert Heathcote of London, and the other was one of those who had supplied him (the Governor) with money for the forces, and likewise one of those that were to be prosecuted for addressing the late King and Parliament. He should be glad if one of these gentlemen should be appointed Receiver General for this province. Dated New York, Oct. 1702.

Minuted:—" 9 March 1702. Order ye bond of Coll. Fletcher to be deliver'd up."

With this is a letter from him in every respect the same, the only difference being that it is dated " Orange county, 7^ber 29th 1702. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 1. 47. Copy of Sir George Parker's letter, with an inventory of goods on board the Pembrook, supposed to be plunder, reporting in favour of landing the goods at Cowes. Dated 1 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—" " Send to C. of Customs to know if they have heard anything from these officers on this subject." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 48. Account of the Alienation Office Revenue for Easter and Trinity Terms a^o 1702. Also to the first day of Michaelmas term 1702.

Also, two other memoranda as to the revenue of the Alienation Office. *Parts of two pages.*

[? About Nov. 4.] 49. Petition of John Mathews, vicar of Steyning, in the county of Sussex. His three predecessors in the vicarage had not paid the tenths, and had left 49*l.* 10*s.* due. They had died insolvent and left the vicarage house much out of repair and a barn "ruinated;" praying relief from the arrears.

Minuted:—" 4 Nov. 1702. To be discharged. W^t signd." 1 *page.*

Nov. 4. 50. Application from B. Bridges, auditor, for the Lord High Treasurer's directions as to allowance of interest on certain money connected with the affairs of the Com^rs for wine licences. Dated 4 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—" The inter. to be allow'd from the times the loans were made." *Again*:—" 18 Novr 1702. The tallys of *pro* are a suff^t w^t for this without any further acc^o." 1 *page.*

Nov. 5. 51. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition and case of Mr. William Dockwra, who had set up the penny post office. [See Vol. XLIV. 56.] Dated 5 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—" Read to Queen 17th Mar. 1702. He shall have an employm^t when anything happens proper for him." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 6. 52. Docquetted:—" Acco^t of £46,083 14 10½ received at sondry times towards paying the debt for sick and wounded and prisoners." 12 *pages.*

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Nov. 6. 53. Com^rs for Trade for 2 years & ¼ incidents, amounting to 497*li.* 11*s.* 5*d.*

M^d in the said sum is inserted 200*li.* 16*s.* for the charge of passing their comission 3 times. Q. if to be allowed. Dated 6 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1702. My L^d disallows ye 200^l 16^s for passing ye commissions & directs Mr Popple to distinguish how much became due to ye letter carrier before & after 8th of March." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 54. Representation of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for payment. Dated 6 Nov. 1702. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 55. Presentment of the principal Com^rs for prizes as to the bringing the galleons and other prize ships taken by the fleet at Vigo under Sir Geo. Rooke to the port of London. Dated 6 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"Orderd." *Again:*—"The goods from Vigo to be brought to London, the former orders relating only to the plunder at St Maries." 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 56. Presentment from the principal Com^rs for prizes for allowing 2*li.* per cent. to agents for prizes. Dated 6 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Nov. 7. 57. Letter from Wm Lowndes, Esq., to the Auditors of Imprests, directing them to send their draft of the privy seal for passing Sir G. Wharton's account. Dated 7 Nov. 1702. 1 *page.*

Nov. 8 and 10. 58. Three letters of Col. J. Dudley to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the clearing of ships in the port of Boston (New England). He was welcome to all who loved the Government or Church of England and the dependence of the plantations. He had visited and "settled all the parts," and had hitherto quiet with the Indians. The privateers had taken 15 prizes. The provisions were good and as cheap as possible. Dated 8 and 10 Nov. 1702. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 59. Report of the Com^rs of Customs on the petition of Nehemiah Winter, commander of the King William gally, as to the discharge of the seizure of the ship. Dated 9 Nov. 1702.

Also the petition and three other documents.

Minuted:—"Discharge ye seizure giving satisfaction to the officer." 5 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 60. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petitions of Michael Studholme and Andrew Lawrence, Esq^res and the representation of Mr. Francis Parry in behalf of Charles Parry, Esq., as to the office of surveyor of the highways and keeper of the King's private roads, gates, and bridges. Dated 9 Nov. 1702.

Also the documents referred to. 6 *pages.*

Nov 9. 61. Memorial or notice of the Com^rs of Customs [to the Lord High Treasurer] that the grand fleet under Sir George Rook, which was expected at Spithead, had arrived in the Downs, so that

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the measures taken at Portsmouth, Southampton, and Cowes, were broken. Dated 9 Nov. 1702.

Enclosing the letter they had received. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 62. Letter of William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer The inhabitants of the county palatine of Chester for the enjoyment of their privileges, had usually paid and of right ought to pay, upon the change of every owner of the Earldom of Chester, 3,000 marks, called a mize, as appeared in the Remembrancer's Office. It was now become a debt to the Crown by the death of His Majesty. Dated 11 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1702. Mr. Borrett to see when it was last p̃d & wt was due from ye county pal. of Chester." 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 63. Presentment of the Principal Comrs for prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the distribution amongst the captors, of a portion of the value of three French prizes, captured by Captain Norris. Dated 12 Nov. 1702. 1 *page.*

Nov. 13. 64. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. Sir Cloudsley Shovel who had lately arrived at St Hellens, with a part of the fleet, had received orders from his Royal Highness, the Lord High Admiral, for sending round several men-of-war with the plundered goods, &c. Dated 13 Nov. 1702.

Also copy of a letter from Messrs Edlyne, Culliford, and Brian relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 13.] 65. Petition of Reginald Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer, for 75*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.* due to him, as serjeant-at-arms attending his Lordship.

Minuted:—"To be pd."

It was paid under warrant of 13 Nov. 1702. See *Money Book,* Vol. XVI. p. 183. 1 *page.*

Nov. 14. 66. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High [Treasurer] on the petition of John Provost, merchant, praying to be discharged of a judgment against him for 1,693*l.* Dated 14 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 24 Nov. 1702. My Lord doth not think fitt to admit him to composition."

Two petitions and another paper relating to the same. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 14. 67. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Gilbert Spencer, late receiver general of the county of Kent, for reimbursement of his extraordinary charges in bringing up money to the Exchequer. Dated 14 Nov. 1702.

Also two petitions and four other papers.

Minuted:—"24 Dec. 1702. To be allow'd when there is mony for these services." 7 *pages.*

Nov. 14. 68. Order of Council referring the petition of Henry Evans, late one of the messengers of the chamber in ordinary, to the Lord High Treasurer to report thereon. Dated 14 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1702. He will have his share of ye mo order'd to ye messengrs my Ld knows nothing of his being put out of his place or of his buying it."

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Also another copy of the order and a petition from him, going more into detail; with the same minute. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 14. 69. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, announcing that the Queen allowed 60*l.* per ann. to Mr. Alex^r Griffith, appointed Attorney General of New Jersey in America, asking the Ld High Treasurer to give the necessary directions. Dated 14 Nov. 1702.

Also a letter from Alexander Griffith thereon.

Minuted:—"19 March 1702. The 60^l is paid, but my Lord doth not think fitt to advise ye Queen to establish a new charge on the crowne." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[About Nov. 16.] 70. Petition of John Wynn, deputy solicitor for the prizes, to the principal Com^rs of Prizes, for an increase of salary.

Minuted by the Com^rs of Prizes on 16 Nov. 1702 in favour of an increase. There is also their report recommending 80*l.* per annum.

Minuted by the Treasury:—"Granted." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 71. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of William Kent, late receiver general of Lancaster, for aids, &c.: recommending certain allowances. Dated 17 Nov. 1702.

Also the petition, and a particular of extraordinary charges.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1702. To be consider'd when there is m^o for these services." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 72. Agents of Taxes memorial about extraordinary allowances. Dated 17 Nov. 1702.

Also two other papers.

Minuted:—"200^li order'd out of the money in the Exchequer of arr^s of taxes unappropriated." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 73. "Mr. Attorney Gen^lls opinion about paying the freight of Lord Peterborough's equipage, &c. to Jamaica." His opinion was that the charge of transporting the goods, &c. there was part of the charge of transporting himself, the goods and equipage being necessary for enabling him to enter on his government, and therefore (the same being to be defrayed by Her Ma^ty) might properly be reckoned a naval service. Dated 17 Nov. 1702.

Also a letter and estimate. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 74. Representation of the Com^rs for Prizes about deducting the charge of management from captors. Dated 17 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"If they have any doubt they must attend Mr. Attorney for his opinion upon perusing ye Queen's declaration." 1 *page.*

Nov. 18. 75. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Henry Palmer, solicitor for the salt duties. There was an ill practice amongst the Excise officers in the country of taking leaves out of their stock books, whereby the revenue suffered. There was corruption among the Excise officers at Bow and Stratford,

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more particularly in regard to Mrs. Coeborne, a common brewer of great trade at Bow. They had cautioned the Com^rs for duties on salt as to the petitioner. Dated 18 Nov. 1702.

The petition and four other papers. 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 18. 76. Observations on the Stamp Office.

Minuted :—"18 Nov. 1702. The Com^rs stamp duty to be here next Monday morning at 9."

"Lett an extract of all these articles (except those marked) be sent to ye Com^rs to make answer." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 20 and 30. 77. "New York in America. An acc^t containing the charge and discharge of Her M^tys revenue, commencing the 10th of June 1702, and ending 24th of the same month. Caleb Heathcote, Thomas Wenham, Peter Fauconneir, Esq^rs, Comm^rs of Her Ma^tys revenue."

Certified by A. D'Peyster, deputy auditor, on 20 Nov. 1702, and countersigned by Lord Cornbury.

Also another acct. of the same revenues from 24 June 1702 to 29 Sept. Certified 30 Nov. 1702. 12 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 78. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of George Mason of Bristol, merchant, as to money fraudulently obtained by the petitioner and then in litigation. Dated 20 Nov. 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted :—"23^d Novr 1702. My Lord doth not thinke fitt to interfere in this matter." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 79. Letter of J. Burchett (Admiralty) to Mr. Lowndes. His Royal Highness had sent orders to the lieut. of the Somerset on board the galleon at Erith, &c. Dated 20 Nov. 1702.

Also letter from the Com^rs of the Prize Office to Mr. Lowndes, and extracts from letters as to the plundered goods. 11 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 80. Methods proposed for the improvement of St James' Park in pursuance of Her Majesty's command, that it might be kept more private and in better order than it had been for some years past, viz., the doors and passages through the park to be only so many as Her Majesty thought fit. Persons to be appointed at the doors, and no dogs or rude people to be let into the park. Also a restraint upon the riding or "carting about the park," and no more coaches allowed to pass through than Her Majesty should order. The water to be kept of such a height that the trees that grow near be not damaged, as they had been of late years. A servant to be kept, to wear the Queen's badge or coat, to look after the sentries, for it had often been observed that the sentries never performed their duty long, so that there was not any dependence on them. The trees to be pruned, &c. Dated 21 Nov. 1702.

Also two estimates of works to be performed about the same. 5 *pages.*

[About Nov. 21.] 81. Petition of John Felton, Esq., high sheriff of Montgomery, to the Queen. The petitioner was under a penalty of 500*l.* for not making a return of the writ for electing members of parliament for

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that county. Half the penalty belonged to the person suing him, and half to Her Majesty; praying Her Majesty to remit her part.

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer on 21 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Queen."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 290, 8 Dec. 1702, is a minute that the prayer of the petition was granted.

Also a certificate that the informer was content to stay all further proceedings. 2 *pages*.

Nov. 23. 82. "A view of the gross produce of Her Maties revenue in Ireland in the two Quart^rs end^d at Michaelmas 1701 & 1702." Signed, "W. Burgh, Accompt^t Genl." Dated 23 Nov. 1702. 1 *page*.

Nov. 24. 83. Memorial about Mr. Mardock's seizure of money on board the Eaton frigate bound for India, for liberty to pay the money into the Exchequer. Dated 24 9bre 1702.

Minuted:—"Order'd." 1 *page*.

Nov. 24. 84. Memorandum touching the Custom House money at Bristol. Signed, Jo. Sansom, Junr. Dated 24 Nov. 1702. 1 *page*.

Nov. 24. 85. Memorial of the Comm^rs of Customs on the memorial of two searchers of London, as to a notorious fraud in an entry of French salt. Dated 24 Nov. 1702.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak to ye Com^rs of salt dutys." 3 *pages*.

Nov. 24. 86. Earl of Ranelagh's and Mr. Blathwayt's report on the memorial of the troop of Grenad^r Guards, as to respites. Dated 24 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Q." 1 *page*.

Nov. 24. 87. Report of Sir Edw. Northey to the Lord High Treasurer against the manner of importation of certain goods.

Also report of the Com^rs of Customs and the petition of a master of a ship from Lisbon. Dated 24 Nov. 1702.

Minuted:—"This cannot be granted. Shew Mr Attorney's report to the partys." 3 *pages*.

[After Nov. 24.] 88. Petition of Philibert D'heruart, Baron D'heuninguen, late Envoy Extraordinary from their Majest^ies to the Swiss Cantons. A few days after the arrival of the King in England he was sent into Switzerland, and served there from 15 June 1689 till 24 Nov. 1702, and there were due to him 3,774*l*.

Also two memoranda of particulars of what was due to him. 3 *pages*.

[? About Nov. 25.] 89. Memorial of Maynhard, Duke of Schonburg & Leinster. His late Majesty had granted him a warrant for 1,000*l*. per ann. His Grace had delayed passing a patent for the same, in hopes to have had a patent for the 1,000*l*. and the 4,000*l* both in one, with a clause for the same to be to him and his heirs general; whereas in the present patent for the 4,000*l*., it was to the Duke and his heirs male,

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only ; but before it could be perfected the King died ; praying for a warrant for the 1,000*l.* per ann., in such manner as is in Her Majesty's power to grant.

Minuted:—" 25th Nov. 1702. To be laid before ye Queen." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 90. Report of the Com^rs of Customs touching frauds on the salt duties. Dated 27 Nov. 1702.

Two papers relating thereto. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 28. 91. Copy of a letter from Thomas Fowler to the Com^rs of Customs. Yesterday there were five French sloops off that place ; two came to anchor, and the other three took a ship, supposed to be Dutch, and one went off with the ship for France ; the other two pursued a ketch and a pink over the head. One of those at anchor " got out a waft on his antient staff," and sent his boat out full of men to the shore ; but when they came nigh and saw the writer and others on the cliff, went off. About sunset a man-of-war came over Beachy head and fired several guns at them ; but the night came on. When the weather was calm the coast was seldom without them. The constable had several times assisted, with some men, to hinder them from committing any ill-practice on the shore. Dated, Bourne, 28 Nov. 1702. 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 92. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh [to the Lord High Treasurer] on the petition of several clothiers, as to payment of the off-reckonings. Dated 28 Nov. 1702. 3 *pages.*

[About Nov. 30.] 93. Extracts of letters in relation to plunder at Port St Mary and Vigo.

Minuted:—" Read 30 Nov. 1702."

A letter and inclosure to Mr Lowndes on the same subject. 21 *pages.*

Nov. 94. Account of goods imported from Pennsylvania from Christmas 1699 to Novr 1702. 3 *pages.*

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Dec. 1. 1. Report of the [Com^rs for the Salt Duties] to the Lord High Treasurer drawing attention to the defects in the last Salt Act, and proposing remedies.

Minuted:—" Read 1mo Dec. 1702." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 2. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Daniel Woodcock, distiller, who was in arrear for the duties of excise, and had given the Board a great deal of trouble ; his goods and still-house had been seized by them, and he prayed they might be released. Dated 1 Dec. 1702.

Also the petition. 5 *pages.*

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Dec. 2. 3. 2 Nov. An estimate of what remains due to clear the debt to the several heads of the civil expense from the 8th of March last to Michaelmas 1702.

The same estimate a little varied.

2 Dec. 1702. A similar estimate. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 2. 4. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Leonard Blanchfield and others who had served in the Duke of York's troop of Guards, and prayed for a great arrear of pension due to them; recommending them as fit objects of charity. Dated 2 Dec. 1702.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" 2 Jan. 1702. Move ye Queen to place them on Mr Nicholas' list." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 5. Certificate concerning a *super* set upon William Blathwayte, Esq., in the general account of excise for two years ending Midsummer 1691. Dated 4 Dec. 1702.

The petition of William Blathwayt and two other papers. 4 *pages.*

[About Dec. 4.] 6. Petition of Thomas Bourne, a prisoner, now in the 79th year of his age, to the Queen; further, pressing his claims to a debt of 714*l.*

Minuted:—" Read 4 Dec. 1702. This canot be considered as a debt from ye Q."

Also a further petition from him read on the 23rd of December.

[See other petitions from him, Vol. LXII. 11; LXVIII. 9; LXXI., 32.] 2 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 7. Certificate from Major-General Lumley of the horses lost in Holland the last campaign. Dated 4 Dec. 1702. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 8. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Col. Benjn Fletcher, Col. Richard Ingoldsby, & Capt. Wm Hyde, captains of three of the independent companies at New York, as to the accounts not being made up for want of muster rolls. Dated 6 Dec. 1702.

Minuted:—" 24 Dec. 1702. To be read when my Ld Ranelagh comes next."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 9. Report of the Earl of Halifax, auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Guy Palmes, Esq., late one of the four tellers of the Exchequer. The petitioner should not have his bond until one Allen's pretention was determined, that being no part of the 8175*l.* 4*s.* 9¼*d.* transferred. Dated 7 Dec. 1702.

Minuted:—" 24 Dec. 1702. Read."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 10. Abstract of papers to be laid before Her Majesty.

Apparently the original paper, with the minutes in Mr Lowndes' hand, from which pages 289 and 290 of Vol. XI. of the *Minute Book*

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was made up. There are in this abstract, however, a few additional items. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 11. Petition of the French Protestant refugees to the Lord High Treasurer, for the continuance of his charitable protection. They had humbly requested of Her Majesty to continue her royal beneficence, as they had already felt the effects of her coming to the throne. They had suffered much during the long interval of 18 months, whilst the bounty granted them by the late King was suspended, as appeared by the warrant of 14 Jan. 1701; their debts had consumed the relief which the Queen had accorded to them; they beseech his highness to take pity on their miseries, and to procure from Her Majesty the continuation of the 15,000*l.* for the year 1702 (which draws to an end), as well for themselves as for other French Protestant refugees, with the ordinary distinction of 3,000*l.* for the ministers. [*French.*]

Minuted:—"8th Decr 1702. The Queen doth intend to continue this 15,000*li.* per annum to the French refugees, and will pay a year when due from the time of it being last paid." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 12. Memorial of Mr Auditor Done to the Lord High Treasurer, applying for a warrant for the allowance of 262*l.* 10*s.* for making up the accounts of the two old marine regiments during 8¾ years. Dated 8 Dec. 1702.

Minuted:—"To be considered. Wt signd." 1 *page.*

Dec. 10. 13. Letter of S. Godolphin as to the taking the accounts of the alienation office, and as to the detention of the same by the auditor of Wales. Dated 10 Dec. 1702. 1 *page.*

Dec. 10. 14. Report of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer, giving his opinion that the post master might properly, by warrant of the Queen, be authorised to take the rates proposed by the report enclosed. Dated 10 Dec. 1702.

The report and copy of a warrant. 4½ *pages.*

Dec. 10. 15. Letter of W. Popple to W. Lowndes, Esq., as to the security to be taken for the due observance of the Acts of Parliament for the better regulation of the plantation trade, &c., by Col. Andrew Hamilton, Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Penn, the proprietor of that province, had offered Mr. Paul Docminique and Mr. Adolph Philips, merchants of London, as sureties in a penalty of 2,000*l.* Dated 10 Dec. 1702. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 11. 16. Mr. Lionel Hernes account for cancelling Exchequer bills from 22 Nov. 1698 to the 11th of December 1702. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 17. Mr. Whitfield's memorial relating to the marine regiments, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, viz., as to clearings and subsistence. Dated 11 Dec. 1702. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 12. 18. Petition of John Provost, merchant, to the Queen, praying to have his case referred to the Attorney General for his opinion in connection with an importation of wines from St Sebastians.

Referred on 12 Dec. 1702 to the Lord Treasurer.

Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1702. Ref. to Comrs Customes." 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 19. " An estimate of the charge of erecting a house in Her Mats yard at Portsmouth for the conveniency of the Mar Ropemaker." Dated 12 Xber. 1702. 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 20. " Memorial relating to the payment of the troops in Holland."

Also " Sums necessary to be forthwith issued by the Earl of Ranelagh for the recruiting officers, &c., in England." Signed A. Cardonnel. Dated 14 Dec. 1702. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 21. Mr. Thomas Hewett's petition for renewing the privy seal for the verderers and others of Sherwood forest, and that the woodward's allowance (formerly out of wood sales) may be added therein.

Dated 14 Dec. 1702. 1 *page.*

Dec. 15. 22. Letter of the Earl of Rochester to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Elizabeth Wandesford, on behalf of herself and Elizabeth Foulks, her daughter; praying to be restored to a pension of 200*l.* per ann. in Ireland, which she surrendered in consideration of certain forfeited lands directed to be passed to her, but since resumed by Act of Parliament. The Earl agreed with the Solicitor General's report thereon. The petitioner had met with very unlucky disappointments, and was a very great object of charity and compassion. Dated 15 Dec. 1702.

The report of the Solicitor General for Ireland thereon, the petition, and various other papers relating thereto. 14 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

Dec. 18. 23. Report of the Agents of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the payment of the debt due from Mr. Thomas Cobb, late Receiver General for the county of Southampton, by his Grace the Duke of Bolton and the other "security." Dated 18 Dec. 1702.

Also a petition of the Under Sheriffs of Southampton in relation thereto.

Minuted:—" 24 Dec. 1702. My Lord dos not see ground for stop of process, unless there was a proposal for paying or securing ye whole debt." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 24. Presentment of the Comrs for Salt relating to frauds in shipping fish for exportation at Newcastle. Dated 19 Dec. 1702.

Enclosed is another report thereon. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 19. 25. Certificate of Peter Frowde, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, that Robert Weedon, Esq., late sheriff of Bucks, had paid Richard Keen and others 40*l.* for apprehending Henry Woodward, a robber on the highway, whereby he had overpaid 14*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* Dated 19 Dec. 1702. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 20. 26. Letter of H. Bishop of London, to Mr. "Lowns," Secretary to the Treasury, recommending the bearer, Mr. Hazard, who was a suitor for a "noon waiters" place. Sir Stephen Fox would be his friend if he could come abroad. His application was for the place of one John Green, deceased. Dated "Dec. 20." ½ *page, quarto.*

Dec. 21. 27. Memorial of Mr. Isaac Newton to the Lord High Treasurer. There was due to him for medals at Her Majesty's coronation 2,485*l.* 18*s.* 3½*d.*, and he conceived the Civil List was the proper fund for payment thereof; prays the money may be impressed to him. Dated 21 Dec. 1702.

Minuted :—" To be pd. out of civil list m° since 8 March." ½ *page.*

[About Dec. 23.] 28. Petition of the inhabitants of Kensington to the Queen for assistance in paying for their organ, which was required "for the better promoting piety and devotion, and for the bringing of people to the service of God." 300*l.* were required, and they had contributed 200*l.*

Minuted :—" 23 Dec. 1702. To be laid before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen 17th Mar. 1702. My Ld will speak wth ye Bp of London." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 29. " An account of the Almonry," viz., of the various payments under that head. Dated 23 Dec. 1702. 1 *large page.*

Dec. 23. 30. Report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr. Wm. Blathwayt on the petition of Lieut. John Birsbane and others as to arrears of half pay. Dated 23 Dec. 1702. 2 *pages.*

[About Dec. 23.] 31. Petition of the tenants and suitors of the manor and soke of Kirton in Lindsey, parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, to the Lord High Treasurer, for the continuance of Edmund Laughton as understeward of that manor.

Minuted :—" 23 Dec. 1702. The patent to be respited till next term, when my Ld. will hear 'em." Many signatures. 1 *page, brief size.*

Dec. 23. 32. Petition of Charlwood Stuckey, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner's father, Valentine Stuckey, had been King Charles the IInds linendraper for many years; there was a balance of 4,000*l.* due to him, and 1,500*l.* to his creditors; 210*l.* was also lent to that King by his father; praying payment.

Minuted :—" 23 Dec. 1702. Read." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 23.] 33. Petition of James Vanse to the Lord High Treasurer. He was one of the body guard to Kings Charles II and James II. His distressed condition was known to Dean Graham, one of Her Majesty's chaplains in ordinary; praying to be appointed a stamper in the stamp office.

Minuted :—" 23 Dec. 1702. Read." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 23.] 34. Petition of Sir Charles Skrimsher, of Norbury, Knt., to the Lord High Treasurer, as to an estate in Cheshire held by the

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petitioner for a debt due to him from Mr. Lawton and seized by the Crown for a prior mortgage; praying for a lease of the estate.
Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1702. There can be nothing don in this 'till it is known wt is made of ye extended estate." 1 *page.*

[?About Dec. 23.] 35. Petition of John Brougham, Secretary to the Comrs of Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer for a renewal of his constitution.
Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1702. Granted." 1 *page.*

[?About Dec. 23.] 36. Representation of Mr. Wm. Atwood, Chief Justice of New York, that his salary was 12 months in arrear at Michaelmas last; applying for the same.
Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1702. Read." 1 *page.*

[?About Dec. 23.] 37. Petition of divers invalids who did duty at Windsor, Hampton Court, Greenwich, Upnor, Chester, and Tinmouth, for arrears of bounty.
Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1702. They have no establishmt." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 38. Petition of Edward Holland, High Sheriff of the county of Merioneth, to the Queen, praying her to remit her part of a penalty of 500*l.* in not returning the writs for members of Parliament in time. He was sent up in custody above 200 miles.
Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1702. Granted." 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 39. Papers containing abstracts, &c. of pay due to various regiments, &c. up to the 24th of Dec. 1702. 12½ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 40. Memorial of Mr. Whitfield to the Lord High Treasurer as to arrears to seven companies of Col. Holt's regiment, and four of Col. Saunderson's, up to 24 Dec. 1702.
Also the account. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 41. Chester. Pay due to invalids from March 25, 1702, exclusive, to December 24th, 1702, inclusive. 9 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 42. " Regulation of subsistence to the troops and regiments in England, &c. commencing the 25th Xber. 1702, inclusive, payable by the Rt Honoble John How, Esqr." 11 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 43. Accompt of Her Majesty's revenues in the province of New York, from the 10th June to the 25th of December 1702. (*Totals*) 1 *page.*

Dec. 29. 44. " A brief state of the Earl of Romney's account as Mar of the Robes to K. Charles the Second, for three years to Lady-day 1685." Dated 29 Dec. 1702.
Minuted:—" 10 March 1702. Speak wth Moody abt this." 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 30. 45. Letter enclosing another from Mr. Goring, one of the Sub-Comrs of Prizes for the port of Portsmouth, to the Comrs of Prizes in York Buildings; as to the spoiling state of certain commodities at Portsmouth. Dated 30 Dec. 1702. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 31. 46. "An acct of what naval stores have been imported from Archangel, by members of the right worshipful the Muscovia Company, between the 1st of September and 31 December 1702." 1 *page.*

Dec. 31. 47. Order of Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer the petition of Mary Pitt, widow, as to the erection by her husband of two large wings of a house with other buildings, upon a piece of waste ground, belonging to St James' Park, afterwards granted by his late Majesty to Sir Henry Fane. Dated 31 Dec. 1702.
Minuted:—"3 March 1702. There is no pretence for releif from ye Queen."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

December. 48. Memorial relating to the estimate delivered in to the Parliament, of the annual charge of the 40,000 men, to act in conjunction with the forces of the allies in the Low Countries for the year 1703. Dated Decemb. 1702. 2 *pages.*

1702. 49. "Extract of the observations of the Comrs of Public Accounts in 1702, relating to the Customs, which are printed in a book entitled an account of the proceedings of the House of Peers upon the observations of those Commrs, page 79." 1 *page.*

1702. 50. A particular of what is due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office, as well to the officers and yeomen of the guard; as also to the yeoman ushers, hangers, &c.
Another particular, including also the "bedgoers" and "robe-goers" for half a year's wages from Christmas 1701 to Midsummer last, 1702. 2 *pages.*

? 1702. 51. Draft of reply of the Comrs of Public Accounts, to the Earl of Orford's answer to their observations upon his Lordship's accounts, being strictures upon his account as Treasurer of the Navy, divided into 23 separate paragraphs.
Also two other papers, consisting of drafts of letters connected with the business of the Commission.
? 1702 from the Commission on Public Accounts. 14 *pages.*

1702. 52. A paper addressed to the Lord High Treasurer from Samuel Burton, Receiver of the Savoy rents; together with a rent roll of the whole estate belonging to the Hospital of the Savoy, and a list of all rent and arrears due for the same, up to the 29th of Sept. 1702. The paper also mentions other affairs of the hospital, upon which the Lord High Treasurer's directions were asked. 4 *pages.*

1702. 53. Sums ordered to be inserted in an establishment to be paid by Mr. Nicholas.
On the back is a list of other sums added amounting to 10,066*l.*
Also "Md about her late Mats servants & charity lately payable by Mr. Nicholas, exclusive of a particular list of bountys added to his office." 3 *pages.*

1702. 54. "An abstract of what has been received by the Earl of Ranelagh for the service of the year 1702, and how the same has

1702. been issued by his Lordship, and also the money received and paid on acco^t of the 10,000 men sent to the assistance of the States Genl. anno 1701." 2 *pages.*

1702. 55. A view of the gross produce of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland in the two quarters ended at Lady-day 1701 and 1702. Signed "W. Burgh, Accompt Genl."

Also:—"A view of the gross produce of the revenue on Inland Excise in Ireland, in the two years ending at Christmas 1701 & 1702, distinct in quarters by way of comparison." 2 *pages.*

[? 1702.] 56. A paper entitled "Of the Receipt of ye Excheq^r," being a draft containing a full description of the duties of the various officers of the same. It was first drawn out in the reign of Will. and Mary, then altered to suit King William, and last that of Queen Anne. The names of the officers are also interlined. 10 *pages, brief size (imperfect at the end).*

[? 1702.] 57. "The reply of the Com^rs of Public Accompts to the answer of Mr. Barth. Burton to so much of the said Com^rs report as concerns him."

Answer of Bartholomew Burton to the report and observations of the Honble the Com^rs for taking, examining, and stating the public accounts of the kingdom.

Mr. Bartholomew Burton was a clerk in the Teller's office. Papers numbered 1 to 7 accompany this answer, and from the last it would appear to be of the year 1702. 21 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[1702.] 58. Petition of Frances Yates, daughter and heiress of Nicholas Yates, deceased. King Charles II., in consideration of the services of petitioner's ancestors, in the preservation of his Majesty after the battle of Worcester, granted by patent to her father and his heirs an annuity of 100*l.*, which was in arrear from 1695 to 1701: praying payment. [Various payments were made to the heirs of Nicholas Yates on this annuity. See *Money Book*, Vol. 16.] 1 *page.*

1702. 59. Draft of a precept to the Chief Com^rs and Governors for the management of the receipt and distribution of her Majesty's revenues of excise on beer, ale, &c. 2½ *pages.*

[? 1702.] 60. Representation by Mr. Savage, Chancellor of the Exchequer in Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer. He succeeded Sir Charles Meredith, who as well as his precessors was constantly in the commission of the revenue in that kingdom, when in management and farm, with a salary of 800*l.* per *ann.*, besides 200*l.* as Chancellor of the Exchequer. He was displaced from the commission of the revenue soon after the office was granted to him in as ample manner as any Chancellor of the Exchequer in England, or Ireland, ever held the same, &c.: asking that his affairs might be laid before her Majesty and that further allowance might be made to him.

Minuted:—"To be read when Lord Rochester is wth my Lord at ye Treasury." 1 *page.*

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[1702.] 61. Memorial of the Duke of Newcastle, unaddressed. The warrant granted to him by the late King, for ten brace of red deer annually, out of the forest of Sherwood, had expired by the King's death. His Majesty had promised they should be made up to ten brace. The duke begged a grant from her Majesty of 15 or 20 brace during his life. He had the power by grants to disafforest nearly 20 miles of his own ground in that forest, and to cut down all the woods, &c. in which the deer harboured and fed. When he was first made Lord Warden of the forest, there were not above five brace of stags in the forest, but by annually turning out deer from his own parks, &c., there were then near 800 red deer therein. Undated.

Minuted:—"Prepare a new warrt for 15 brace dur. pleasure." 1 *page*.

1702. 62. Petition of the poor creditors of the old debt of the navy to the Lord High Treasurer as to the satisfaction of their claims. Dated 1702.

Minuted:—"They must have patience." 1 *page*.

1702. 63. Memorial of James, Duke of Ormond, to the Queen, offering a new lease of the duties of butlerage and prisage [in Ireland] to the Queen, for the further term of three years, at a rent of 2,500*l*. Signed.

Some time after Lady-day 1702. 1 *page*.

1702. 64. Draft of a summons by the Comrs [for public accounts] to the Auditors of the plantations for the delivery up of their accounts at the office in Spring Gardens near Charing Cross. Dated 1702.

Similar drafts of summonses to the Receivers of South Wales and the Auditor of Wales. 4 *pages*.

[?1702.] 65. Memoranda apparently set down for consideration in the conduct of the office of Cofferer of the Household, Sir Benjn Bathurst being then Cofferer. 1 *page*.

[?1702.] 66. Petition of George Seton, of "Garden rose," nephew to Captn William Seton, deceased, to the Queen, showing that the captain had a grant of an estate of about 30*l*. a year for past services, but was deprived of it by an act made in the parliament of Scotland in 1690; and showing other hardships connected with the same; praying for relief. Undated, but probably the beginning of the reign of Anne. 1 *page*.

[?1702.] 67. Letter from Sir S[alathiel] Lovell to William Lownds, Esq. He met with some obstruction in his proceeding upon the grant of Horton's forfeiture, and was of opinion the matter was not fully stated to the Queen and the Lord High Treasurer, wherefore he had sent a breviate of it. No person had done so much for the discovery and conviction "of offenders of this kind," &c. He had long served the public purely at his own charge, to the damage of his fortune.

Also the "breviate" referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI. p. 126, 11 Feb. 1701-2, is "Sir Salathiel Lovel is to have the forfeited estate of Horton, and to be only at the future charge of recovering the same." 2 *pages*.

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1702. 68. "State of the Duke of Schonburg's pay and demands." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About 1702.] 69. Letter signed Robert Leslie, addressed to John Taylor, Esq. [? Second Secondary in the Treasurer's Remembrancer's office. See *Money Book*, Vol. 14, p. 258], acknowledging the great obligation he had received in procuring a reference of his petition when at "the bath," begging him to peruse [the accompanying paper]. The reward he had received for past services was truly noble, but he had suffered a great deal of hardship, and was looked on as one of the greatest villains on earth. Mr. Gamell, who was not at a penny charge, had the same allowance, but the discovery of the St Sebastian fraud came by the writer. He seeks for Mr. Taylor's recommendation to the Lord High Treasurer, that he might obtain one of the vacant places at Liverpool or Whitby.

Accompanied by a paper entitled:—"The case of Robert Leslie," wherein he gives the true account of the service he did the nation in discovering the fraud of the Sebastian wine trade in 1699.

This paper contains a very curious account of the artifices resorted to, in order to bring over French wine from St Sebastian. It was taken there from Bordeaux, a Spanish name given to it, and reshipped in Spanish casks. A sufficient number of hogskins were kept in every cellar, and mules were also kept that it might be supposed the wines were brought from Navarre on mules' backs in hogskins. Mr Manly and Mr Cooke, who were sent over to inspect the trade were blinded with this device, for in the night the gates were opened, and what was brought into the town by day was sent out in the night to be ready to come in again the next day, and this method was used whilst they stayed. 13 *pages.*

[? 1702.] 70. Letter of Henry Killigrew to the Lord High Treasurer of England. He hoped his sickness would move that mercy that all the neighbouring nations enjoyed, and that he should not be the only creature which did not share his Lordship's protection. He appeals to his Lordship thus:—"Consider my Ld the season of the year, my decaid body, the number of my family, and that everything is worn out that should cover me. If I knew myself guilty of any thing that ought to deter me from this address, I should want confidence to put your Lordship in mind of your usual supply; but God knows my innocence incourages me to presume that I have not forfeited the title of being your near kinsman, and the long service we were together under one master, may plead further in the behalf of him, who is with all submission," &c.

[Compare this with Vol. LXXVII. No 18, 5 Dec. 1701. He was then not to ask for anything till next Christmas.] 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? 1702.] 71. "A method for taking & stating the Ld Rhanelaugh's accounts," extending from 5 Nov. 1688 to the end of 1701, being various instructions or suggestions for the same. 1½ *pages.*

[? 1702.] 72. Another paper of memoranda, apparently as to receivers, &c. of customs. 1 *page.*

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[? 1702.] 73. "An abstract of ye accompts of his late Maj^tys stables, both in England & Holland."

"An abstract of ye Tradesmens bills for his late Ma^tys mourning on King James' death, 1701." 3 *pages.*

[? 1702.] 74. A collection of notes gathered principally out of the "Minutes of the Customs" as to the Sebastian wine trade from 1695 to the beginning of the reign of Queen Anne. 13 *pages.*

[? 1702.] 75. Memoranda of sums due to Captain Daniel Hunt, viz., for his pay, of which he was defrauded by Governor Godard, governor of Bermuda Islands, for money due to him as Lieut^t and Adjutant in the province of New York, and for six long voyages to and from America, and for bringing over the treasure taken with Captain Kidd the pirate, for which he had Her Majesty's order in council to the Treasury for 250*l.*, of which Mr. Lowndes had paid him 15*l.* At the head is the year 1693, which would mislead. It probably only relates to the first item. [Kidd was sent over in the "Advice" frigate in charge of "Lieut." Hunt, as appears by a letter of Lord Bellomont dated 28 Feb. 1699. See the letter in the *Board of Trade Collection* (New York), Vol. 6, p. 472. There is a letter of 22 Apr. 1700, Vol. LXVIII. 35, among the Treasury Papers, as to what should be done with Kidd's effects. From Her Majesty being named it is probably in 1702.] 1 *page.*

[? 1702.] 76. Fees paid "at the Treasury and at the Exchequer upon account of imposts to the city for one year commencing at Christmas 1701. Signed ꝑ W. Bellamy, City Remembr." *A few lines.*

[? 1702.] 77. Memorial of Henry Wise [Gardener]. He was in hopes to have received some part of the late King's debt due before 8 March 1701; praying to be considered as the work was carried out with expedition. 1 *page.*

[? 1702, or later.] 78. "Simon Donjoy's answer to the report of the Com^rs of Excise upon his petition to the late Lords of the Treasury, now humbly submitted to the Ld High Treasurer."

"He was suspended from his collectorship of excise in Middlesex, Surrey, & Sussex."

Appended is "an account of losses sustained." 6½ *pages.*

[? About 1702.] 79. Petition of John Williams to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of his pension for wounds received in 1688.

Minuted:—"He must apply to the proper officers that have the direction of ye affaires of the chest." 1 *page.*

[? About 1702.] 80. "Plate from the pages of the bedchamber, &c. to the late King, in the jewel house." Undated.

This includes four lists, one of which is, "Plate lost at the Battle of Landen." 2½ *pages.*

[? 1702.] 81. Memorial of John, Lord FitzHarding, to the Lord High Treasurer, showing what was due to him as Mall keeper at the late King's death; praying for a renewal of his power, and that the posts and boards of the Mall might be surveyed and renewed.

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Minuted:—"His arrears to be paid as far as others, and a sign manuall for renewing his office. Send to officers of ye works to make an estimate of yᶜ charge of new boarding and shelling the Mall, and the proper time for doing the same." 1 *page*.

[? About 1702.] 82. Petition of Col. John Gibsone, Lieut. Governor of Portsmouth, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that process issued against him, for 180*l*. received in 1869 and 1690, on account of fire and candle for the garrison there, might be staid, he having expended above 500*l*. more of his own.

Minuted:—"The account to be transmitted to yᵉ Audʳˢ of Imprest, or either of them, and process to be stayd till next Michaelmas." 1 *page*.

[? 1702.] 83. List of the names of the officers of the Mint. Sir John Stanley was warden, and Isaac Newton, Esq., master and worker. Undated.

Most of the officers agree with those in *Chamberlayne's State of England* for 1702, p. 591. 1 *page*.

[? 1702.] 84. Petition of Mr. Hutton, executor of Dr. Hutton, physician to his late Majesty King William, and Physician General of His Majesty's armies, land forces, and hospitals. He came over with King William from Holland as his domestic physician, was after the revolution made his first physician, and remained so until the king's demise; setting forth the arrears due to him and praying payment. 1 *page*.

[1702, or later.] 85. Petition of John Pye, gent., to the House of Commons. The petitioner had been collector of customs in the port of Newcastle, and prayed for leave to bring in a bill to compound his debt. 1 *page*.

[1702, or later.] 86. Petition of Richard Littlehales, one of the footmen to Queen Mary, to the Lord High Treasurer, complaining of arrears due to him, and asking for a tidewaiter's place in fee in the port of London. 1 *page*.

[1702, or later.] 87. Petition of Mary Morris, widow and relict of Lieut. Col. Redmond Morris, deceased. By articles made on the surrender of Limerick, liberty was given to the Irish army to transport themselves into France, and the generals of the English army, being sensible how great a prejudice it would be to the Grand Alliance to have such a body of excellent troops employed against them, proposed great rewards and encouragements to such as would engage in their late Majesty's service. The petitioner's husband, being a lieutᵗ col. of the regiment of horse commanded by Major General Henry Luttrell, and depending on the assurances so given, brought over the regiment and several other troops, who were afterwards disbanded, and their arms and accoutrements employed in the public service. About 1,500*l*. were due to her husband, for which he never had any satisfaction, although the colonel had received a pension of 500*l*. a year, and the major 6*s*. 8*d*. a day, praying provision to be made for her &c. 1 *page*.

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[1702, or later.] 88. Petition of Philip Bickerstaffe, Esqre, to the Queen. He was sworn a clerk in the King's household in 1660, which office he then purchased and continued in until it was his right to come to the Board of Green Cloth. He was prevented by the interest of persons who would serve the times, from filling the vacancy. He was also a member of Parliament for many years: praying for the next vacancy at the Board, and in the meantime for such a pension as Mr. Fox received from the royal bounty, &c.

Minuted: "Read." 1 *page.*

[1702, or later.] 89. Certificate of the "quantities of gilt and white plate discharged by privy seal in the reign of his late Matie King William." Signed "Robt Sedgwick." 1 *page.*

[1702, or later.] 90. Petition of Simon Ogden, mariner, to the R^t Hon. Sidney Lord Godolphin, showing that he had become a pensioner to the Chest at Chatham, at 6*l. per ann.*, for injuries received on board H.M. ship Bredah, on 30 June 1690 [at Beachey Head]; but his pension was only made to commence on 25 March 1700, as appeared by the certificate annexed.

He was sent to St Thomas's hospital, Southwark, and all the officers who should have given him a certificate were blown up at Cork, in Ireland, with the said ship the Bredah. Capt. Butler, Captain Paxton, and Lieut. Hamilton, who were on board, had however, given him certificates: praying for his pension from the time he was wounded. Undated, but probably when Godolphin was treasurer.

Certificate as to his being a pensioner. 1½ *pages.*

[1702, or later.] 91. Certificate that Antonio Verrio, Esq., was paid a salary of 200*l.* per ann. as chief painter to his late Majesty King James the 2d up to Christmas 1688, and that John Ryley and Godfrey Kneller, Esq^res, were sworn and admitted to that employment to their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, and were paid the like salary of 200*l.* per ann. between them from the day they were sworn to Lady-day 1690. Mr. Ryley dying about that time Sir Godfrey Kneller became sole principal painter, but upon regulating the establishment in 1690 was left out. In 1695 he obtained the King's warrant to be on the establishment with 200*l. per ann.*, and the payments were made him to Christmas, 1700, with the allowance of 50*l.* for every picture drawn at whole length. 1 *page.*

[1702, or later.] 92. "The case of the late Farmers of ye revenue of Ireland."

In the year 1675 Sir James Shaen and others undertook to farm the revenue of Ireland for seven years at 240,000*l.* per ann.; they advanced 80,000*l.* as security for payment of their rent; a lease was granted them of the quit rents of Ireland of the value of 70,000*l.* per ann. for seven years after the end of the farm, for security of repayment of their advance. They had paid their rent and advanced the revenue 40,000*l.* per ann. At the end of the farm a false and groundless balance of 307,000*l.* was made out against them, for there were about 70,000*l.* due to the farmers in

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that country, but upon pretence of that balance, process was issued against them, and they were thereby prevented from recovering their debts. They were also in treaty with King Charles II. to have victualled and paid the garrison of Tangier, and had sent about 20,000 pieces of eight there, but there was a design to suddenly demolish the place and bring away the garrison. The chief commanders demolished their agent's house, and took away 16,490*l.* in pieces of eight, with all their books and papers, and plundered the house as if it had been taken by an enemy. They had not obtained satisfaction, and at their last hearing, in July 1701, they were told that the crown could not pay them. Having nothing left, they had petitioned the Lord High Treasurer for the aid of the crown for recovery of their debts, "because by reason of ye length of time nobody can sue but ye crown," yet they were denied the benefits of their covenants to recover any of their private debts, and they were likely to suffer from their creditors, as they had been answered that his lordship did not "think fit to vex ye country with old pretences." Undated, but query 1702. Their last hearing was in July 1701.

Also a memorial to the Ld High Treasurer on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

[1702, or later.] 93. Petition to the Queen by Sir Gervase Elwes, grandfather, and Sir John Robinson, father of John Robinson, on behalf of John Robinson, eldest son of the said Sir John, who was a volunteer on board the late King's ship Rochester, and quarrelled with one Richard Church (who kept a public-house at Deal, wherein Robinson lodged), and wounded him, whereby he died: praying a pardon for him. 1 *page.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 94. Memorial of Col. Charles Ross to the Earl of Rochester, Lord Lieut. and Governor Genl of Ireland, as to arrears due to him.

The second minute on the back is:—"Prepare a warrt for this "as a bounty to be pd in Ireland; say only 500*l.* as of our grace & "favour, wch bounty was designed him by our dearest bro. the K. "decẽd."

Another paper of memoranda about the same. 2 *pages.*

[? About 1702 or 1703.] 95. Petition (signed) of Col. Hugh Hamill to the Queen for renewal of a warrant, so that he and his estate might be discharged from the debts, judgments, and executions to which he was liable in the reign of King James II. The petitioner and the rest stood out all the siege of Londonderry, for which they had received no reward. His estate was entirely in his creditors' hands, and likely to continue so unless relieved by Her Majesty's bounty and favour.

The copy of the former warrant referred to. Dated 22 July 1691. 2 *pages.*

[1702, or later.] 96. Petition of Thomas Bell, merchant [Alderman of Dublin], to the House of Commons, shewing that he had been an "antient trader" and paid 4,000*l.* a year to the customs. By the troubles he had lost considerably. In King James' time he was forced to sell

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his goods for brass money, and durst not refuse. He then had 500*l.* sterling of what passed current, which was worth little or nothing, besides a greater sum he sold after the victory of the Boyne, at eighteen pence and two shillings a pound sterling. In endeavouring to make his escape into England, in a boat in the harbour, he was shot and lay dangerously ill. Afterwards he suffered imprisonment for a considerable time, and was threatened with death for holding correspondence with Duke Shomberg and giving him intelligence of the Irish army and what was passing in the Irish quarters, as likewise for detecting a person sent by the late King James with commissions to several noblemen and gentlemen in Scotland, to raise an insurrection in that kingdom. He rendered signal services to the late King William, and but for the victory of the Boyne would probably have lost his life. In King James's time petitioner entered into bond for imported excise of wine, amounting to 120*l.* 10*s.*, but being under confinement, was not called upon to pay, and they well knew that they had taken out of the petitioner's cellars to a much greater value, and could be easily paid in their own coin; praying the cancelling the bonds.

Other documents which should accompany, are not now with it. 1 *page.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 97. Report of B. Bridges and E. Harley, Auditors of Imprests, to the House of Commons, laying before them the total sums upon every head in the Earl of Ranelagh's account, for seven years ended Lady-day 1699, which they have disallowed in the said account, as not being regularly vouched according to the strict rules of the Exchequer. 4½ *pages* (*brief size*).

[? 1702 or 1703.] 98. "Petition of John Paschal, Esq., one of the Commissioners for Prizes during the last war," to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that upon the superseding of the commission for prizes, he was constituted by the Lords of the Treasury one of the officers to recover the arrears due to the said office; that at such great expense as ruined him he had discharged the duties (the chief of which had fallen on him) until he was forced to abscond; that he had received no salary for 3½ years except 400*l.*, which he very unwillingly made use of, and without which he must have absconded long before; praying his lordship would order him some part of his salary, wherewithal a little to quiet his creditors.

Without date. Pascall was appointed to recover the arrears of prizes on 21 June 1699, which apparently makes the date 1702 or 1703.

Minuted: "11th Augt. He must first come & account before any further paym^t can be made to him." 2 *pages.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 99. Memorial of Charles, Lord Mohun, sole executor of Charles, late Earl of Macclesfield, deceased, showing that the Earl was sent by his late Majesty to invest the Elector of Hanover with the Order of the Garter, and to compliment that house upon passing the late Act of Parliament for declaring the succession of the crown, and

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that the Earl died soon after his return without consideration for his journey; praying the same allowance as was made to others, viz., 1,000*l.* 1 *page.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 100. Certificate signed S. Godolphin of the fees due and payable to John, Earl of Carbury, viz., as steward of the manor of Mallaine, Talley, Mavon, and others, and Brecon, also as governor of Milford Haven, which fees have usually been paid out of Her Maty^s, revenue from the principality of South Wales. 1 *page.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 101. Petition of William Jones, apothecary to Her Majesty's household. He had a grant from King Charles II. of the office for life, and was allowed 160*l.* per ann. on the establishment, in lieu of bills for physic administered to the household. On Her Majesty's accession it was reduced to 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which for his extraordinary expenses and care was inconsiderable; praying for the re-establishment of the former allowance. 1 *page.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 102. Petition of Henry Wood to the Queen. He suffered banishment and lost his estate for his service to the Crown soon after the martyrdom of King Charles I., and served King Charles II. and also King James, till by his great age he lost his sight. King James ordered him a dead pay of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day in the Earl of Oxford's regiment for his subsistence, which was confirmed by King William; there were six years of his pension due, "besides 60*l.* more of King James pension, which [he says] hath reduced him to that extremity that he is ready to perish for want, having no longer credit nor anything in the world to subsist on, his landlord being a poor man and almost ruined by keeping him so long," and being fourscore years of age, blind and lame, was a miserable object of pity: praying for relief.

Minuted:—"20*l.* a year." 1 *page.*

[? 1702.] 103. Petition of Ralph Blackhall, collector of Her Majesty's penny post office, to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had been and still was defrauded several hundreds of pounds per ann., and there were other mismanagements with which Mr. Nathaniel Castleton, the Controller, was made acquainted; praying a day to have his counsel heard on an abstract of articles of mismanagement annexed.

The abstract referred to. 1 *page.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 104. Copy of sign manual as to carrying on a linen manufactory in Ireland; 10,000*l.* had to be advanced by Lewis Crommelin, looms had been erected valued at 30*l.* each, and other looms, called "estilles," valued at 50*l.*, for making fine linen in imitation of that of France and Holland. The patent for the encouragement thereof having expired by the death of the King, the Queen's pleasure was that fresh letters should pass to encourage the same. 1¾ *pages.*

[? 1702, or later.] 105. North Riding, in the county of York. Scheme of Commissioners for putting in execution an Act for granting a large sum for disbanding forces, paying seamen, &c., viz., for making good deficiencies. 3 *pages.*

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[1702, or later.] 106. Petition of Sir Lambert Blackwell to the Queen. He was at great charge as envoy extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuscany and the Republic of Genoa, and could not perform these services without exceeding the regulation for extraordinary disbursements; 1,359*l.* remained due to him as appeared by the account annexed, besides 1,609*l.* in the late reign. 2 *pages.*

[? 1702 or 1703.] 107. Petition of John Joblyn, John Serjeant, and Richard Curtis, of Seaford, to the Lord High Treasurer. They had traced the steps of certain Frenchmen who had landed and retired from the coast, and thereupon found three boxes in the ground, with letters which discovered a dangerous correspondence with France, all which were immediately sent to the Right Hon. the Earl of Nottingham; praying for a reward.

Minuted thus:—"9li to be distributed equally to the three persons." 1 *page.*

[? 1702.] 108. "Account of payments by dormant warrants or other authoritys since the 5 Novr 1688, whereby the revenues or other publick moneys have not been brought into the Rect of Excheqr."

Undated, but the Earl of Oxford is mentioned as lately deceased. He died in 1702. 8¼ *pages.*

[? Between 1702 and 1708.] 109. "Allowances for Commissioners to muster the Marines." 1 *page.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 110. Petition of James Grahme, Esq., late Keeper of the Privy Purse, to the Lord High Treasurer. He was charged in the Exchequer with 1,250*l.*, issued to him for providing healing medals, for the late King James' privy purse, for which sum process was issued, and owing to indisposition, he had not been able to make up his accounts; praying the stay of process.

Minuted:—"Dische issue & stay process till first day of next term, he having promised ye acct shal be finished in ye mean time, if not, then proceed wthout further order." 1 *page.*

[Between 1702 and 1713.] 111. "A proposal for raising money towards ye supply granted to Her Majtie for carrying on ye warr against France, &c." Apparently a species of Tontine. 1 *page.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 112. Memorial of Mr W. Whitfeild to the Lord High Treasurer for a month's subsistence for the four marine regiments, viz., Holt's, Saundersons, Mordaunt's, and Col. Villiers, they being in extreme want.

Undated, but after June 1702. See *Reference Book,* Vol. VI., p. 468.

Minuted:—"Order'd out of ye mony payable by the Earl of Ranelagh."

Also, "Establishment of 12 regiments for sea service, their number & pay." 2 *pages.*

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1702. [Between 1702 and 1710.] 113. Letter unaddressed, signed J. Cremer, as to arrears of rent due to Her Majesty, concealments, &c., no specific properties mentioned. 3 *pages.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 114. Petition of John Russell, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that he might be appointed as prize officer for the port of Falmouth, being willing to serve the Queen on the perquisites that were then allowed to the officers there.

Minuted:—"Mr Russell's petition to be put wth ye rest of the papers concerning this matter." ½ *page.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 115. "A proposal to prevent robberies, frauds, cheats, and usury, and raising about 30,000*l.* in a short time, and about 30,000*l.* per ann. to the crown for the future by licencing and regulating pawnbrokers. Being the 4th proposall annexed to a peticon of John Cressett, Esq., referr'd by her Matie to the Lord High Treasr." 9 *pages.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 116. "A proposal that some regulation should be made in several present methods of administration of justice, and putting in execution her Maties laws, which will add greatly to her Maties glory, the ease benefit and satisfaction of her subjects, and the honor of ye nation. Being the 5th proposall annexed to ye peticon of John Cressett, Esqr, referr'd by her Matie to the Lord High Treasurer of England."

His proposal was to employ himself wholly in inspecting, reviewing, and separating the most excellent common and statute laws from the rubbish they almost lay buried under, and to lay the same before learned judicious persons, that they might amend them. 3 *pages.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 117. "A proposition for paying the interest due on such Exchequer bills as are reissued at the Exchequer." 1 *page.*

[Between 1702 and 1710.] 118. Petition of Charles Maris, a dismissed messenger, unaddressed; there were 1,200*l.* due to him; he and his family were in a starving condition; praying for relief. 1 *small page.*

[After 1702.] 119. "Monsr Renaw alias Pontack, childrens birth." A paper so docquetted containing various memoranda about the same as well as computations. With what view they were drawn out is not apparent. 2 *pages.*

[Between 1702 and 1714.] 120. "A moderate computation of the proffits arising to the brewers that brew sea beer for her Matys service, and also what advantage may accrew to her Majtie at her brewhouse in St Katherines under good management." Signed "Edward Denneston." 1 *page.*

[Between 1702 and 1714.] 121. Instructions for the agents for prizes drawn out by the principal Commissioners for Prizes. 2 *pages.*

Between 1702 and 1714. 122. Proposal to William Lowndes, Esq., by some one whose name does not appear, to victual her Majesty's navy, for 20,000*l.*, as well as (for want of present money) she is supplied for 30,000*l.* 1 *page.*

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123. 35 Letters of the Com^rs of the Navy, mostly addressed to Sir Thomas Littleton, Treasurer of the Navy, on the business of the Navy Office. Dated in the year 1702.

[These will no doubt be found entered in the *Navy Letter Book.*]

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1702–3. [? About Jan. 2.] 1. "An abstract of the funds appropriated for land service for the year 1702: how the same has been issued by the Treasury, and what remaines unissued to compleat each sūme given."

Minuted:—"2 Jan. 1702. A pr. seal to issue any sums not exceeding the remanent funds for the guards & guarrisons for ye 40,000 men & for the 10,000 men to the E. of Ranelagh to 24 X^br 1702 incl. 1 *page.*

Jan. 2. 2. Letter from J. Burchett to Mr Lowndes, sending an original information of Thomas Vincent, brought by Captn FitzPatrick, touching the embezzling of goods taken and brought to Vigo. To be communicated to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 2 Jan. 1702. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 2. 3. Mr Whitfeild's memorial to the Lord High Treasurer as to the adjustment of the accounts of the six marine regiments. Dated 2 Jan. 1702. 1 *page.*

Jan. 2. 4. The case of John Digby, gent., Receiver General of her Ma^ts land Revenue in the counties of Worcester, Hereford, Salop, & Stafford. His constitution bore date 26 Aug. 1689, and he succeeded Sir Thomas Williams, Kn^t, who had a fee or allowance of 80*l.* per ann. viz.:—as to his salary and the declaration of his accounts. Dated 2 Jan. 1702–3.

Also copy of the constitution referred to. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 3. 5. Letter of Thomas Owen to the Com^rs of Customs as to French sloops on the coast at East and West Ray. The sloops continued on the coast without interruption. He hoped the law would take hold of their carrying on correspondence with the sloops, else there would be more wool transported than had been for many years. Dated Lydd, 3 Jan. 1702. 1 *page.*

Jan. 4. 6. The numbers and charge of the 40,000 men in Holland for the year 1703. Dated 4 Jan. 1702.

Also, "Abstract of the charge of the establishment of the forces in Holland for the year 1703." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 4. 7. "Mr Howes memorial for subsistence from 24th Xber 1702 to ye 21 Jan^ry incl."

Minuted:—16,081*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* directed 4th January. 1 *page.*

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Jan. 5. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sir John Shaw, Bart., and Charles Shaw, Esq., his brother, praying for further allowance in consideration of their undertaking the plantation receipt: in favour of an addition. Dated 5 Jan. 1702.

Also, two petitions and an appointment of Sir John Shaw, Bart.

Minuted:—"Agreed. To be p̃d out of ye impost duty of tobacco: but admonish him to be carefull in taking ye bonds for the duty on wines, & to gett in the arrears. Send for Sr John to tell him this." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 9. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial or paper of observations relating to the enlargement of the time for drawing back the customs on goods exported: adverse to the extension of time. Dated 5 Jan. 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Jan^ry 1702." 6¼ *pages.*

Jan. 6. 10. Memorial of Henry Baker [? to the Comm^rs of Customs]. Very many French sloops and privateers were almost constantly on the coast of Romney Marsh. Several of the old gang of those who were owlers in the late war, viz., William Snip, John Burwash, and George Fuller, conversed boldly with them at the sea side. He feared, if permitted, it would encourage the exportation of wool and the running or smuggling of French goods. Dated 6 Jan. 1702. 1 *page.*

Jan. 6. 11. Letter of M^r Ad. Cardonnel to [? Mr. Lowndes]. The Duke of Marlborough desired him to represent the necessities of the recruiting officers in Holland, also to enclose a certificate from Major-Genl Lumley of the loss of horses in Holland: sends also a state of the cash in Mr Sweet's hands. He prayed [Mr. Lowndes] also to remind his Lordship of the subsidies to the Elector of Treves. The Prince's minister at the Hague was very pressing for the money. 2 *pages.*

12. The state of cash of the Pay office at Rotterdam above referred to, together with a computation of what will be wanting to clear the foreign forces to the 24th of December S.V. 1702, and the general officers, &c. 2 *pages.*

[About Jan. 7.] 13. Memorial of the principal Com^rs for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the high duty on foreign fish and oil. In several late sales no one would bid anything for either fish or oil.

Minuted:—"7 Jan^ry 1702. Till some proper method can be found for making the best advantage of the fish and oyle, care must be taken y^t ye same be not landed in Engl^d or Wales. Order so to ye Com^rs of Prizes. Lett the Com^rs of Prizes & salt dutys attend to moř, wth ye Com^rs of Customs, ab̃t these fish, &c. at 5 o'clock at the Treř^y." 1 *page.*

Jan. 7. 14. Letter of the Prize Com^rs to Mr Lowndes as to the re-lading of certain goods at Falmouth & sending them to London with a minute of approval by the Ld High Treasurer. Dated 7 Jan. 1702. *A few lines.*

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Jan. 7. 15. Order in Council upon the petitions of the merchants, clothiers, and other traders in woollen manufacture, in and about the towns of Leeds, Halifax, and Wakefield in the co. of York; all relating to the preservation of the woolen manufacture; praying the Queen to take the decaying state of that manufacture into consideration, and to grant relief; referring the same to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 7 Jan. 1702.

The petitions with numerous signatures are attached.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. The Queen doth maintain many officers for this purpose." 4 *pages* (3 *very large*).

Jan. 8. 16. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to the seizure of a parcel of coin, plate, and bullion, which came by land carriage from Portsmouth, amounting to 1,200 ounces; upon which actions were brought. Dated 8 Jan 1702–3.

Also a schedule thereof. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 9. 17. Letter from A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes putting him in mind of a memorial of Lord Teviott's officers for the Lord High Treasurer's directions; also as to the four regiments of horse and the Royal regiments of dragoons sent into Holland. Dated 9 Jan. 1702. 1 *page*.

Jan. 11. 18. Letter of Mr Willm Vanbrugh, Treasurer of the Chamber, to William Lowndes, Esq.; there was wanting a power for him to act by, until the warrant was perfected. A letter from Mr Lowndes by the Ld High Treasurer's order would take off Lord Fitzharding's objection in respect to the action of the Controller. Dated 11 Jan. 1702. 1 *page quarto*.

Jan. 11. 19. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer upon the memorial of Major Genl Erle as to arrears of five regiments that came from Ireland and were sent to the West Indies. Dated 11 Jan. 1702.

Also the petition. 3 *pages*.

Jan. 11. 20. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs laying before the Ld High Treasurer a memorial from the searcher's office, of a fresh instance of fraud practiced in the shipping out of salt, by Mr. John Sallway, merchant. Dated 11 Jan. 1702.

Also the memorial and a list of ships. 4 *pages*.

Jan. 11. 21. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Smithsby Hartley as to the transference to him of the office of landwaiter by Mr Francis Burdett; Mr Harley allowing 40*l*. per ann. out of his salary to Mr. Burdett. Reminding his lordship of another report by them to this effect, viz.:—"That altho' there had been some few instances that when deserving officers had been superannuated and grown infirm, younger officers of inferior rank had been admitted to execute these employments (reserving a moiety of the salary to such superannuated officers), yet they conceived it was a practice by no means to be encouraged, lest upon such pretences officers of the best experience should be permitted to quit the service and become pensioners only to the revenue, and

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other persons less capable of service admitted upon such hard terms and bare subsistence, who might be apt to make up their salaries, either by defrauding the crown or by exacting upon the subject, or (otherwise having served some time under such circumstances) would be forced to apply to the Treasury for redress: they conceived it might be of ill-consequence to the revenue. Dated 11 Jan. 1702.

Minuted:—"26 Feb. 1702–3. My Lord agrees to this report." Also the petition. 2¼ *pages*.

Jan. 11. 22. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General to the Lord High Treasurer. He went to Mortlake in order to give a true state of the Tapestry House there. The buildings were very old and ruinous, consisting of two piles built of brick, one fronting the way leading from Barnes to Mortlake, and the other extending from that way towards the Thames; wherein were two workhouses, one with 12 looms and the other four, over which were garrets and an old chapel. The ground floors were small apartments for labourers in the manufactory, within which was a courtyard, and a tenement therein, where the master workman inhabited, which was standing thereon before the workhouse was built by King Charles I. There were several patterns remaining painted on paper, but many of them old and scarce fit for use. The parliamentary survey of 1651 sets out the premises, their value &c., which were to be kept and employed in working tapestry. The same surveyors mention a brick tenement, with a garden on the south side, built at the same King's charge for the use of the Limners, which should belong to the work. There was a grant of 19 Charles II. to Robert, Earl of Sunderland, and Henry Brounker, Esq., of the premises, &c. He did not find the premises had been converted to any use contrary to the first design. The commodity did not vend as formerly and so there had been but little work of late years. Dated 11 Jan. 1702.

Minuted:—"10 March 1702. Send a copy of this Rep^t^ to Sr Jno Temple, & desire to know w^t^ he would have done in this matter."

[See also Report of Sir Edw. Northey thereon. 19 March 1702–3.] 2 *pages*.

Jan. 11. 23. Opinion of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General, as to whether the bill for freighting a ship to carry powder to Barbary, for the redemption of captives, and putting on board provisions for them, was properly to be reckoned a naval service, and to be paid out of money for sea service, the contract for redemption of the captives having been made by his late Majesty's order with the Emperor of Morocco. Dated 11 Jan. 1702–3.

Letter from the Navy Office to the Treasurer of the Navy on the same subject. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 11. 24. Letter from Joseph Bruxby, brewer, to the Ld High Treasurer, pointing out defects in the management of the Excise. Dated 11 Jan. 1702–3.

Also a petition from him for the grant of a commission, a salary, and a part in the improvements he should make in the revenue of the excise. 2 *pages*.

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1702–3. Jan 12. 25. A notification by the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, that (in accordance with the Ld High Treasurer's directions) they had put off the sale of the cargo of the "Bonheur" for a fortnight longer. Dated 12 Jan. 1702. 1 *page 4to.*

12. Jan. 26. Report of J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the subsistence necessary to be sent to the Earl of Peterborough; also as to the future payments to the 4 regiments in the West Indies. Dated 12 Jan. 1702–3.

Also, "An abstract of what is remaining due to clear the six regim^ts that make up the 5,000 men to serve on board the fleet and the gen^l officers employed in the late expedition." 2 *pages.*

[About Jan. 12.] 27. Petition of Robert Williamson, merchant, to the Queen, praying an order of payment of 598*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* due to him by a judgment and writ of execution out of the hereditary revenue of Excise.

Minuted:—"12 Jan. 1702/3. Read;" with a memorandum appended. 1 *page and a few lines.*

Jan. 15. 28. Report of Thomas Hewett, surveyor of woods north of Trent, to the Ld High Treasurer, upon the memorial of his grace the Duke of Newcastle, relating to Sherwood Forest, viz., as to the officers, their salaries and duties, and government of the forest; with suggestions for the improvement thereof. Dated 15 Jan. 1702.

Also a letter from the Duke to the Queen, offering, if she will allow him 1,000*l.* per ann., in lieu of his salary of 40 marks, to pay the keepers good salaries, find hay, and all other expenses attending the forest.

Minuted:—"Read 12 May 1703." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 15. 29. Report of Mr Isaac Newton, Master of the Mint, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the case of Mr Anthony Redhead, late Master and Worker of the Mint at Norwich. Dated 15 Jan. 1702.

Minuted:—"10 March 1702. Transmitt a copy of this to ye aud^r who passes ye acco^ts of the country mints."

"The case stated specially between Mr Redhead and Mr Blofield." Both signed "Isaac Newton," and drawn out by him.

"The case of Norwich mint."

A case drawn out for an opinion in Mr Isaac Newton's hand, and a question thereon, with Sir Edw. Northey's opinion that, by virtue of a bond referred to, "all moneys owing by Mr Neale to the crown on account of the mints erected at Norwich, York, or elsewhere, might be recovered from his security." 5½ *pages.*

Jan. 15. 30. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the petition of James Fincher, clerk, as to a claim for 80*l.* a year out of the manor of Forthington, co. Dorset, belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall; his father having been active and faithful for the royal cause in the year 1660, &c. Dated 15 Jan. 1702.

The petition referred to.

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The second minute on the back is:—"22th Mar. 1702. My Ld dos not think it reasonable to advise ye continuance of this pencon." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 31. Report of the officers of works to the Lord High Treasurer on the office of serjeant painter to Her Majesty, solicited by Thomas Highmore and Robert Abbott. Both were able and honest men, but they recommended Thomas Highmore. Dated 15 Jan. 1702–3.

The petition of Thomas Highmore, with a recommendation from six peers, and another from two other persons.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. Granted to Tho. Highmore. Wt signd. 17th Do." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 32. "Earl of Ranelagh's memorial, showing what is due to clear ye establishmt of guards & garrisons and 5,000 men to serve on board the fleet to the 24th of December 1702 incl., and to answer bills of exchq from Holld due the 19th instant 3,000*l.* January ye 15th 1702/3." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 33. Letter of C. Hedges [Secretary of State] to the Lord High Treasurer. He had moved the Queen upon the enclosed memorial of the Envoy of Tripoli, and her Majesty consented that something should be done, but left the "*quantum*" to his Lordship. Dated 19 Jan. 1702–3.

Minuted:—"50 *li* to be pd out secret service moneys." 1 *page 4to.*

[About Jan. 19. 1702–3.] 34. Memorial of Bohas Pinchas, Envoy from Tripoli to the States General of the United Provinces. The said Envoy was sent into Holland from Tripoli, to conclude a peace, as appears by his Commission signed by the Divan and the Pasha and attested by the English Consul; but the States would not conclude a peace, unless they could at the same time do it with Algiers and Tunis; he had spent all his money during his three years' negotiation, and had now come to England with a recommendation from Mr Stanhope, Her Majesty's Envoy at the Hague, to Mr Secretary Hedges; his baggage in the annexed list was in the hands of the Queen's officers at the Custom House; in which there were some things brought over in ignorance, which ought not to have been imported: begging that the Queen would order that the first of her ships going towards the coast of Barbary, might take him either to Tripoli, or any place near, & that he might have his baggage, and some small assistance for his present subsistence.

Accompanied by the list referred to.

Minuted thus:—"For L. Treasurer."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 12, p. 16, 20 Jan. 1702, is:—"50l bounty out of secr. service to be pd to Bohas Pinchas, envoy of Tripoly to the ye States & came hither from Holland, out of wch he is to pay the customes of his goods & find himself transportation to his own country." 3¼ *pages.*

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Jan. 19. 35. Memorial of Mr J. Howe to the [Lord High Treasurer] for the subsistence of six regiments, part of the 10,000 men for sea service. Dated 19 Jan. 1702. 1 *page.*

Jan. 21. 36. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a form forwarded to them by Mr Lowndes, proposed to his Lordship by William Holbech, for making the returns of the duties on houses, marriages, &c. Holbech had been discharged from his employment as surveyor, for writing letters to parishes in Devonshire, with promises to excuse them from payment of the duties if they would give him a consideration. Dated 21 Jan. 1702.

Also Mr Lowndes' letter and the form referred to, another letter of Mr Holbech, and "Instructions to be held and observed by the several surveyors, appointed for the better ascertaining the duties upon houses, and upon marriages, births, burials, and upon batchelors and widowers, pursuant to the Act of Parliament in that behalf." (Printed.) There are besides two schedules of persons to whom the surveyor proposed to remit the arrears, upon their sending him two shillings each. 8 *pages.*

[About Jan. 21.] 37. Letter of Dorothy Rokeby to the [Lord High Treasurer]. King Charles II. gave the present Lord Yarmouth a patent for a piece of ground behind the Fountain in the Privy Garden, to build upon, which his Lordship gave to his brother Col. Paston, her late husband. He (Col. Paston) being employed in the King's service, the Lord Melford built on it without leave, and going with King James into France we (the writer says) took possession of it and lived in it two years, till at the late Queen's desire, the writer moved out of it for the Scotch Secretary to come in, her Majesty promising the writer 60 guineas a year, which had been constantly paid, except 120*l.* due when the King died, and a year from her present Majesty: asking payment of this arrear. Her house was in Albemarle St.

Minuted :—"6 March 1702. My Ld cannot advise this."

Another letter three weeks later again pressing her claims. Dated Feb. 11. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 38. Proposal of Sir Edward Northey [Attorney Genl] to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the requirement of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, of an original order from her Majesty for suffering her Majesty's credit to be carried to the credit of Sir Benjamin Bathurst in their books; advising that either a duplicate be made of the privy seal granted to Sir Benjamin Bathurst, or that a new privy seal be directed to the company requiring them to give him credit. Dated 22 Jan. 1702.

Minuted :—"Lett a duplicate be annexed to a warrt of my Lord authorizing them to transfer accordingly." 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 23. 39. A paper as to the clandestine trade carried on from Bourdeaux and other parts of France by way of St. Sebastian and other ports of Spain, whereby great quantities of French wine were imported, paying only the Spanish duty; yet no seizures were made or prosecuted to effect till the year 1700. This management seemed to be

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carried on in concert between the consuls in foreign parts and some officers in the Customs, and with what was called an agency above stairs, who for private gratuities undertook for and passed such wines as were of the growth of Spain; and that such practices might not be called in question, they passed ships at the Custom House without being regularly "jerqued," and had stifled or concealed several land-waiters' books and warrants. There are other particulars also as to this clandestine trade.

Docquetted: — "23° Janrij 1702/3. Sebastian wine trade." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 23. 40. An affidavit of Gilbert Cale, of the city of Bristol, gent., as to some indentures, &c. in his custody, touching certain land, parcel of the farm of Bradfield. Sworn at Bristol 23 Jan. 1702. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 41. Mr. Borrett's memorial relating to the causes, &c. to be prosecuted and carryed on at Her Majesty's charge; praying for money to be ordered for the same. Dated 25 Jan.

In the list of persons to be prosecuted is the following entry: "The Queen agt De Foe & others for a libell entitled 'The shortest way with the Dissenters, &c.'"

Minuted:—"9 March 1702. 200li to be order'd him for these services." 1 *page.*

Jan. 25. 42. Letter from Mr Thomas Townsend to Mr Taylor at the Treasury Chambers, as to the persons filling the office of Clerk of the Robes and Wardrobes of beds, and their allowances. Dated 25 Jan. 1702/3. The following list is obtained from the letter:—

Nicholas Pidgeon, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and James I.

William Georges, Charles I.

Lancelot Thornton, restoration of K. Charles II. to 1680.

Richard Coleing, Lady-day, 1680, in reversion after the death of Thornton.

James Gibbons, Esq., by assignment from Coleing to Michaelmas, 1697, about which time the Earl of Sunderland appointed

Peter Flornoy, Esq., who held it but a little time and sold it to William Van Huls, Esq.

Minuted:—"Mr. Van Hulse he must enjoy his place & sallary (the latter to be putt on ye est. of Tr. of ye Chr) according to his patent." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 43. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, sending an account of the goods delivered out of the galleon called the Santa Cruz, or Ranelagh's prize, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 25 Jan. 1702–3.

The acct referred to. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 44. Memorial of Mr W. Whitfield to the Lord High Treasurer, praying a payment might be ordered for regiments under his care.

His account of the six marine regiments and a list of the colonels. 4 *pages.*

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Jan. 25. 45. Letter of the Earl of Rochester concerning two petitions of Lieut.-Col. Montaut and Benjamin Mercade, as to pensions to them. Dated Cockpit, 1702–3. 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 46. Letter from the Admiralty Council, proposing that the paymaster of the marines should detain the money arising by the non-effective men on the musters, towards recruits from time to time. Dated 26 Jan. 1702. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 47. Letter signed "John Dod" to the Lord High Treasurer, as to receipts and payments of the perquisites of the Admiralty. Dated 27 Jan. 1702. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 27. 48. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to Mary Mayhook, a seaman's widow, coming from New England, in a ship taken by the French and retaken by Her Majesty's ship the Weymouth. Her Majesty's wish was that the poor woman should receive 20*l.* out of the salvage of the ship, in accordance with a report, united, of Dr. Bramston. Dated 27 Jan. 1702–3. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 28. 49. Letter from the Com^rs^ of Prizes about the plate taken at Vigo and carried to the mint. They mention that dollars were risen to 5*s.* 9*d.* an ounce, and that there were several pieces of wrought plate of great curiosity. Dated 28 Jan. 1702.

An account which is mentioned is not now with it. 1 *page.*

Jan. 29. 50. A list of half-pay officers that were left out of the half-pay establishment the 29th of January 1702–3, by a representation made to Her Majesty of their refusing to serve in the West Indies, and are not since restored. 1 *page.*

Jan. 30. 51. Letter of the Earl of Rochester, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, to the [Lord High Treasurer] on the case of Sir John Rotherham, in connection with the proceedings of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue in Ireland. Dated "Cockpit," 30 Jan. 1702–3.

Minuted: "6 March 1702. There is no more to be don in this." 1 *page.*

Jan. 30. 52. Letter of James Bush addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., praying for an order from the Lord High Treasurer, either to him or to the collector of Sandwich, not to deliver nine and a half hogsheads of wine, until satisfaction was made to certain officers, who had saved a whole cargo of a ship, driven on shore in Sandwich bay, from being plundered. Dated 30 Jan. 1702–3. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 30. 53. Letter from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer about buying a piece of ground of the "Duke of Ormond's Com^rs^" for the horse barracks at Dublin. Dated 30 Jan. 1702–3. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 30. 54. Letter from the same to the same, upon the petition of Robert Fitzgerald, Esq., to be restored to the office of Comptroller of the Musters in Ireland, or for a pension. He was of opinion that the

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office, tho' ancient in that kingdom, was not very useful to the Queen's service, and could not advise the restoring the petitioner to the office; but in consideration of the circumstances of the petitioner and his family, which was very noble, &c., he might be put on the establishment of Ireland, with 200*l.* a year, as soon as the revenue would bear it. Dated 30 Jan. 1702–3.

Minuted:—" 9 March 1702. When ye revenue is able to bear it then he is to apply again." 2 *pages.*

[? Jan. 1702–3.] 55. Letter signed Tho. Conyers to Mr. Lowndes, as to the removal of Mr. Geo. Trotter, collector of Scarborough, to Whitby.

Mr Trotter's petition was referred on 2 Jan. 1702–3. See *Reference Book,* Vol. VII. p. 27. 1 *page.*

[Feb. 2.] 56. Petition of His late Majesty's grooms to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for payment of their salaries, that they might go to their families beyond the sea, being in a starving condition.

Also a list of what was due to them.

Minuted:—" Read, 2 Feb. 1702–3. To be laid before the Queen and propose that something be given them to carry 'em home."

Again:—" Read to ye Queen 17th Mar. 1702. Respited till ye accot of Monsr Auverquerc is pass'd." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 57. A paper *docquetted:*—" Woods belonging to the Queen in the Forrest of Rockingham for my Lord Treasurer, February the 2d 1702." The grounds named in it were in the Forest of Rockingham, in the hundred of "Willibe," in Northamptonshire. The land and timber was said to be worth about 50,000*l.* and in the possession of the Lady Westmoreland. A gentleman had looked into the titles & found them to be the Queen's. A ship's carpenter had viewed the timber & found it to be worth 10,000*l.* A great man was about obtaining a grant of it from the Queen under the representation that it was of inconsiderable value, but it could not be done till the Parliament was up.

Minuted:—" Call upon the Survr for his report 6 March 1702. Let him inform himself further of matters of fact & advise wt Mr Attorney wt interest her Maty hath."

A representation by Robert Driver of the parish of Lambeth, the ship-wright referred to, who went with Sir James Fuller to take an account of the timber. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 58. Representation of the Comrs of Sick & Wounded Seamen, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer, pressing for issue of money. Dated Feb. 2, 1702–3.

Minuted:—" 12 Feb. 1702–3. 4155*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* is to be paid out of the land tax tallys of last year in Sr Tho. Littletons hands."

Also another paper on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 3. 59. Letter from the persons forming the Queen Dowager's council to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for his Lordship's warrant to Her Majesty's woodward general and the regarders of the forest of Whittlewood and "Saulcey," to mark and set out for the purpose of felling trees necessary for gating, styleing, cabbening, and

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staking of several coppices therein named. Dated "From her Maty the Queene Dowager's Council Chambers, Denmark House, the 3d day of February 1702." 1 *page.*

Feb. 4. 60. The Earl of Ranelagh's and Mr Blathwayt's report on the memorial of the captains of the three troops of horse guards as to respites. Dated 4 Feb. 1702/3.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"15 March 1702. My Ld doubts whether he has a power to doe anything of this kind before ye Act of Parlt." *Again:* "24 ditto. My Lord doth not think it proper for him to allow this." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 61. Copy of a report of the officers of works upon the bills of Henry Wise for new works lately performed in Her Majesty's gardens at Kensington. Dated 4 Feb. 1702/3. 1 *page.*

Feb. 4. 62. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Morgan Whitley, late Receiver General of Cheshire and Northwales, to be discharged from confinement; objecting to the security offered by him. Dated 4 Feb. 1702.

Minuted:—"9 March 1702. Dismiss this peticon."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 63. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Lansdowne, Esq., as to mines in the manor of Stratton-upon-the-Foss, belonging to the duchy of Cornwall. He could not state the case more fully than in a former report of 22 Feb. 1696. [See Vol. XLIII., No. 45.] George Long, Esq., had informed him that he had also a petition for these mines in behalf of himself and the rest of the tenants of that manor. Dated 4 Feb. 1702.

Three petitions and the copy of the former report referred to.

Minuted:—"9 March 1702. My Ld. will hear all parties ye first Wednesday afternoon in ye next term." 5½ *pages.*

Feb. 4. 64. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes on the letter of Captn James Bush (see 30 Jan.), confirming statements therein as to assistance rendered in preventing the plunder of a Swedish ship, taken as a prize by Captn Watkins; recommending a reward. The sum refused by Captain Bush of 20 guineas they considered sufficient. Dated 4 Feb. 1702/3. 1 *page.*

Feb. 5. 65. Abstract of several sums directed by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough's warrants to be paid in Holland, amounting to 3,530*l.* 10*s.*, which Mr Sweet not having been able to satisfy it was prayed might be ordered into the Earl of Ranelagh's hands, to pay the several persons concerned, and thereby save the exchange. Dated Whitehall, 5 Feb. 1702/3. Signed "Ad. Cardonnel." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 5.] 66. Particulars as to the clothing of foreign forces, payments required to be made on the importation of foreign corn, &c., "in answer to Wm Lownds, Esqr[s] letter of the 5th of Feb. 1702 to the Hon. Cha. Fox, Esquire." Signed B. S. [? Benjamin Sweet].

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Minuted:—"Write to Mr Cardonal that he indeavours to induce the forreigners, when they do want cloathing, to buy it from Engld, & to send an accot from time to time how he succeeds in that matter." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 67. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham about Mr Griffiths, Attorney General of New Jersey, recommending his requests should be complied with. Dated 6 Feb. 1702/3.

Also the letter of Alexander Griffith to the earl, stating that suretyship for his relations had so ruined his estate that he could not meet the expense of the "seals," and so was likely to be deprived of the grant of his office; and asking that a year's income might be advanced to him.

Minuted:—"Advance it out of sec. service mo., to be repd out of ye sallr when due. See whether ye 200l to ye Comy. was pd. There has been 200li paid to one Marshall, who was appointed comissary of provisions for ye West Indies." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 68. Report of the Comrs of Customs on the petition of Arthur Shallet, of London, merchant, praying to compound a debt due to Her Majesty for duty on wine. Dated 8 Feb. 1702/3.

Minuted:—"26 Feb. 1702. Hes to propose to the Comrs of Customes the sum he will pay of composition for the remainder of ye debt." 7 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Feb. 9. 69. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Wm Lowndes, Esq., as to a sale of prize goods out of the "Mary" prize, &c. Dated 9 Feb. 1702–3.

Another paper relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 9. 70. Report of the Comrs of Revenue for Ireland [to the Ld High Treasurer], presenting a particular account of the insolvent arrears upon the quit rents, &c. of that kingdom, asking for directions to strike the same out; and in order that the undisposed lands might be managed to the best advantage, they prayed to be allowed to "set" them for 31 years, or such a term of years as might be an encouragement to the tenants to give a better rent and make improvements. The time of setting lands in that kingdom was usually from 1 May. They did not propose setting the "plus lands," which had constantly paid the quit rents, it having always been thought a matter that would too much affect the quiet and settlement of very many considerable families, and was in itself very intricate and difficult to perform. Dated 9 Feb. 1702/3.

Minuted:—"Prepare a S. M. accordingly."

The account referred to is not now with it. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 11. 71. Letter from Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. The Duke of Marlborough having given orders to the officers of the troops in Holland to hasten over thither with their recruits, his grace prayed for the issue of 987*l.* for recruit horses, in lieu of those lost in service abroad, and for 3,530*l.* 10*s.* for the pay of general officers in Holland. Dated 11 Feb. 1702/3. 1 *page.*

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Feb. 11. 72. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the [Lord High Treasurer]. Anthony Rowe, Esq., had assured him that the stables near the Duke of St Alban's house at Windsor, then in possession of the dean and canons, belonged to the Crown, and that King Charles the Second being satisfied of his right to the same, did about the year 1674 order Mr Rowe (upon the neglect or refusal of the dean and canons to show their title) to break open the doors, which he did and turned out their horses into the street, and put in the King's, and upon their complaint His Majesty told them it was a dangerous thing to lend them anything, for they presently took it for their own; that the stables were his, and if they grudged him the use of them while he was at Windsor they should use them no more in his absence. The dean and canons entirely contradicted all this; no such claim had ever been heard of. King Charles offered to buy them, and offered to build stables for them, if these might be laid to Mrs Gwynn's house, &c. Mr Rowe and all agreed that at Eton there were stables whereunto the Crown had an undoubted right, which, with the yard and passage, contained about half an acre. Mr Rowe says he begged these of King Charles, but did not pretend to any grant or lease thereof. It would be better to let these at a rent. The Duke of Somerset had told him that a learned serjeant-at-law (who had an old house at Windsor on a college lease) offered to build stables for Her Majesty at a rent of 300*l.* per annum. This proposal he did not think for Her Majesty's service, but advised the purchase of a square piece of ground of about two acres adjoining the great avenue, and fronting the Little Park, and some tenements on the opposite side of the avenue, which might answer the Queen's present occasions. Dated 11 Feb. 1702/3.

Minuted:—"Read 10 March 1702. Mr Survr to find a tenant for ye old stables at ye best rent that can be gotten for ye same, or a fine & proporconable rent." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 12, 1702. 73. Mr. How's memorial for subsistence for the guards, &c.
Minuted:—"Ordrd 12th Feb. 13,012li 10*s.* 0*d.*" 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 74. Report of the Principal Comrs of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Samuel Eyre, Joshua Forster, James Horard, and several other fishmongers in London, for relief in respect to a cargo of prize fish. Dated 13 Feb. 1702.

On the dorse are the following minutes:—

"19 Feb. 1702. They canot legally be landed.

"Mr Eyre desires the Comrs may take back the fish unlanded & make a new sale thereof.

"3 Feb. 1702. Lett the Comrs of Prizes certifie the quantity of these fish remayning in the petrs hands and what he paid for ye same. W. Lowndes." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 75. Letter from the Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes as to the petition of Josiah Keeling, who was clerk of the bakehouse, and was succeeded by one Henry Rowlandson in the year 1689. Dated 13 Feb. 1702/3.

Also the copy of the petition and an order in Council.

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The petition states that in the year 1683 the petitioner made a discovery of the horrid conspiracy against the Queen's uncle, King Charles II., and her father the then Duke of York, by shooting them as they were to pass the Rye House in Hertfordshire; for which service a pension was granted him of 100*l.* per ann., but in lieu thereof an office was assigned him in victualling the navy, which he held till dispossessed thereof in the first year of King William.

Minuted:—" 10 March 1702. My L^d^ will speak wth ye Comm^rs^ of ye victualling con. ye capacity of ye pet^r^ for their service.

" 19 Apr. 1703. The Com^rs^ say this office is supplyed at present by one they think very well qualified for it." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 13. 76. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick & wounded, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for an order for 21,077*l.*

The Com^rs^ provided for the sick among the land forces who came from Vigo, and the prisoners of war were near 4000. Dated 13 Feb. 1702/3.

Minuted:—" Read 15th Feb. 1702. 10,000li. out of ye land tax tallys of last year upon acc^t^ of ye service of ye year 1702." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 77. Balance sheet of John Brewer, Esq., Receiver General for Prizes, from the commencing his office to the 13 day of Feb^ry^ 1702. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 13. 78. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the duties on oil. Dated 13 Feb. 1702/3. 1 *page.*

The Attorney General's opinion on the duties. Copy of the report and opinion, with minute on the back. Also " An account of prize oyle on shoar, and on board severall ships now in the ports of England." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 79. *Docquetted:*—" Febr. 15, 1702. Mr. Cofferers memorial to my Ld High Treasurer," being—

" A computation of what money may be wanting for ye payment of Her Ma^ts^ household, that was due at Xmas 1702." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 15.] 80. Memorial of Mr. [John] Macky, director of the packet boats at Dover. After six years attendance on the coast, to prevent a correspondence with France in the last war, he was appointed manager of the packet boats at Dover. He built and furnished five ships to carry the mails to France and Flanders, and had 1,400*l.* per ann. besides his salary as agent to the Post Office. The contract ceased during the war and the boats were useless, and this and the furnishing a house at Dover, for the reception of all foreign ministers and our own ambassadors, would ruin him. Asking to be continued on the Post Office establishment, and for allowance for the boats, till a peace should restore them to their former stations. [See also 9 March 1702/3.] Undated, but referred 15 Feb. 1702. See *Reference Book,* Vol. VII. p. 36. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 16. 81. Copy of a letter of the Earl of Nottingham to Sir Richard Cox, Lord Chief Justice [of Ireland], asking for his attendance on

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Her Majesty, as she had many matters relating to Ireland under consideration. Dated 16 Feb. 1702/3. ½ *page.*

Feb. 16. 82. Letter by command of His Royal Highness [Prince George of Denmark] to Mr. Lowndes, for the furnishing with credits Vice-Admiral Graydon, who was going to command the squadron of H. M. ships in the West Indies in the room of Mr. Benbow, lately deceased. Dated 16 Feb. 1702/3.

Minuted:—" Mr Tailer to informe himselfe & represent what has usually been done in such cases. There was 10,000*li.* credits given to Admll Bembow in his 2 last expedicons to ye West Indies at Jamaica, Ba[r]bados, Voiga, Maryland, &c." 1 *page.*

Feb. 17. 83. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the case between Capt. Sands and Sir John Shaw and other officers of the Customs, to be heard in the House of Peers. Dated 17 Feb. 1702–3.

Also the case referred to. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 84. Representation of Mr Tho. Hewett, Surveyor General of Forests north of Trent, showing who were the officers of the forests of Sherwood and Needwood, what their salaries were, and other particulars. Dated 17 Feb. 1702–3.

Minuted:—" Read 18 Feb. 1702. Prepare a warrt to rayse 1,500*l.* by decayd trees in Sherwood for to be pd into ye Excheqr. See his former report & speak to him." 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 17. 85. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr. Lowndes, with an account of prize goods in the little galleon called the Edward and Elizabeth, taken by the Mary man-of-war. Dated 17 Feb. 1702.

Minuted:—" Read 19 Feb. 1702. Desire the C. of Prizes to perfect an estimate of ye whole prizes taken at Vigo as exactly & speedily as they can." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 86. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr. Lowndes as to delivery of quantities of silver (being part of the Vigo prize plate) to Mr Newton for the purpose of coining 1,000*l.* out of the same. Also four other chests sent from the warehouse where the goods of the Ranelagh prize were lodged. Dated 17 Feb. 1702–3.

The enclosures relating to the same. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 18. 87. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Thomas, Earl of Westmoreland. He found that the offices of master forester and keeper of Cliff bailiwick, within the forest of Rockingham, and of all the woods within the precincts thereof, &c., were granted to Charles, the late Earl, on 31 July, 34 Car. II., &c., with power to make the grant void. He could not find that the grant had been revoked and believed the office was chiefly honorary. Dated 18 Feb. 1702.

Also the petition, which is *minuted:*—" 9 March 1702. My Ld desires Mr Surveyor to get further informacon of ye nature & value of this office, and to report ye same to his lopp." 3 *pages.*

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Feb. 18. 88. Report of the same to the same, upon a memorial relating to timber of considerable value, fit for Her Majesty's service in the forest of Rockingham, on the lands in the possession of the Lady Westmoreland, which it was alledged belonged to the crown. He found that King Charles I. on 30 May, 4th of his reign (at the request and nomination of Francis Earl of Westmoreland) granted to Nicholas Pay, Esq., and Clement Bellamy, gent., various woods therein set out, with the soil, &c. at an annual rent of 100*l.*, and in 1663 it was made part of the Queen Dowager's jointure. He further found that on 23 July, 4 Car. I., another grant passed the great seal to the same and two other persons, of all timber trees growing on those coppices, and on others, to hold to the grantees for ever. If the person who makes "this discovery" can make it appear that the lands he has mentioned are no part of these, the timber whereon is granted away for ever, the timber might belong to Her Majesty, and would be of great service to her naval affairs. Dated 18 Feb. 1702.

The memorial is not now with it. 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 15 & 18. 89. "An inventory of the plate and other things delivered into the Treasury of the Mint, by the Honble Her Maj^ts Com^rs for Prizes, 15th Feb. 1702–3."

Report of Mr. Isaac Newton to the Ld High Treasurer. Upon advising with other officers of the Mint, about the Spanish silver brought thither by the Com^rs of Prizes, they were of opinion that all the virgin silver, cakes, and broken pieces of silver, and so much of the plate as in the judgment of the Com^rs for Prizes was not valuable for its fashion, should be melted into ingots, weighed and assayed to obtain the just value. Dated 18 Feb. 1702–3.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Both papers are in Newton's hand. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 90. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a list of articles or an account of what the late King presented to the governments of Algiers, Tripoli, and Tunis. Things of another nature would be more acceptable to Algiers, and Her Majesty being willing to allow 300*l.* to be laid out for a present to that Government, and a bale of cloth, a gold watch, and two "prospective" glasses to each of the governments of Tunis and Tripoli, it was Her Majesty's pleasure they should be provided, and Mr. Baker, late consul at Algiers, was directed to attend his Lordship thereon. Dated 19 Feb. 1702–3.

The account referred to and two other lists of articles.

The letter is *docquetted:* "Presents to Algier Tunis & Tripoli orderd. Qu. Who must buy the presents, whether Mr Hume as ye last time, or the Ma^r of ye Gr^t wardrobe."

Minuted:—"Orderd 300*l.* into Mr Baker's hands. Mr Hume to provide the other things." 4¼ *pages.*

Feb. 19. 91. An abstract of the whole charge of the establishment for the 40,000 men that were to act in conjunction with the allies for the

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year ending the 24th of Decr. 1702; showing how much the same will exceed the 70,000 given for that service. Feb. 19th, 1702–3.

"An accot of what has been received & applyd by the Earl of Ranelagh, in part of the 70,000*l.* given for the charges of the 40,000 men, to act in conjunction wth the allies, for the year ending the 24th of Decr 1702; with an abstract of the disposition thereof. Dated the same day." 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 19. 92. Letter from the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lownds, as to credits for Vice-Admiral "Graydon" in the West Indies; with some remarks as to bills to come in, connected with Admiral Benbow. Dated 19 Feb. 1702.

Also a schedule of letters of credit given to Admiral Bembow at his two last expeditions to the West Indies. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 19. 93. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Ld High Treasurer: La Touche, one of the French men lately escaped out of prison at Southampton, was retaken & committed to Newgate. The person who captured him claimed 200*l.* promised by Her Majesty's proclamation. Her Majesty's pleasure was, that it should be paid and the person's name concealed, the better to forward the seizure of "Coshan." Desires this money to be paid to Mr Tho. Armstrong, and the Earl would take care the proper person should have it. Dated 19 Feb. 1702–3.

Minuted:—"To be pd p ltres pat. dormt." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Feb. 20.] 94. Memorial of James, Duke of Ormond, to the Ld High Treasurer. The late King & Queen, in consideration of a fine of 300*l.* &c., paid by John Latten, Esq., demised a mansion house called the Lodge within Richmond Old Park, with buildings, &c. belonging, together with a parcel of wood and several parcels of land, to hold for 31 years at a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* His late Majesty intended to grant to the said John Latten divers other parcels of land, intermixed with those previously named; but no grant was perfected. The Duke in consideration of 2,800*l.*, had purchased from him all the premises and desired to surrender the same and take a new lease for three lives.

Referred on 20 Feb. 1702, to the Surveyor General to certify thereon.

The report is not now with it. 1 *large page.*

Feb. 22. 95. A paper *docquetted:*—"Earle of Ranelagh's Paper," being a certificate of Wm. Plaxton, Deputy of the Treasurer's Remembrancer, that a sum of money and a note were deposited in his hands within the time mentioned in an order extracted from the Book of Orders, Trinity Term, 1 Anne. Dated 22 Feb. 1702. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 22. 96. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, sending the appraizement of the "Three Galleons." The Gracieuse, a prize ship, was the last summer taken into the Queen's service, and the captors asked for their moiety. The Comrs asked if the

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French men-of-war called the Firme, Promat, Vigo, Moderate, Triton, and Assurce, taken at Vigo, should not be appraised. The provisions in three prize ships taken by Captain Norris, Commander of the Orford, had been appraised and distributed to the fleet, one half of the value being paid by the victuallers' agent to Captain Norris, to be distributed to the captors, which the Com^rs considered was very irregular; and for the other half the Com^rs for Victualling were still indebted to the Prize Office. Dated 22 Feb. 1702–3.

Also the appraizements mentioned. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 22. 97. Report of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer of England, on the petition of George Phillips, Commander of the ship Eaton, frigate, as to the design to export beyond the seas 400*l.* seized on board his ship in Nov. 1699. He is of opinion that the verdict against the petitioner, as mentioned in his former report, was just. Dated 22 Feb. [1702–3.]

Two petitions, copy of the former report, and various other papers. 21 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 23. 98. Report of Mr. Wm. Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, as to certain wrecked goods found floating on the coast of Suffolk, which belonged to the Lord High Admiral. Dated 23 Feb. 1702–3.

Also, inventory of the goods found on board the ship. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 99. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Edward Hales, master of a ship seized by the Act of Navigation, not being manned according to law. Dated 23 Feb. 1702.

Minuted :—" 26 Feb. 1702–3. Discharge the seizure upon giving some moderate satisfaction to the officer for his charg."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3¼ *pages.*

Feb. 24. 100. An acco^t of what was due to the six regiments of marines from 25 Dec. 1702 to 24 Feb. following. Signed " W. Whitfeild." 1 *large page.*

Feb. 24. 101. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Alexander Inglis. Not having had the liberty to appoint such person as they thought proper, for taking care of the English letters at Edinburgh, they had met with great difficulty in recovering the English post[age] of letters sent to Scotland, it being customary for the Treasury of Scotland to let their post office to farm, and the farmers being changed every three years, they had been under the necessity to employ such persons as farmed the post office there. They had taken the best security they could, and upon Mr. Smyth's entering on his farm in 1699 they required him to give security, &c. They had frequently pressed Mr. Smith, who ran into arrears, and afterwards sued his bond; but before they could bring the suit to an issue, so as to recover the money, Smyth died insolvent; and as they had no power to displace or suspend him during the suit, the debt increased, &c. The laws of Scotland appeared so favourable to "cautioners," the expense of

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prosecuting the suit was so great, and money so difficult to be got from Scotland, that they thought a reasonable composition more advantageous than continuing such a prosecution. The petitioner proposed to pay 500*l.* sterling, but they thought it ought not to be accepted. No allowance has been made to Smyth for the exchange of money returned to the office, or for postage of packets sent by express for his late Majesty's service to and from the Secretaries of State in Scotland: these would reduce the balance to 1,776*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* Dated Feb. 24, 1702–3.

Certificate of the Earls of Mar and Stair of the bankruptcy of Smith and the poverty of Mr. Crichton.

The petition referred to. Another petition from him and two other papers on the same subject.

Minuted:—" Read to the Queen 17 Mar. 1702. My Lord is to compound wth him for so much as he thinks reasonable for him to pay.

" 22th March 1702. My Lord agrees to accept 500*l.*, to be forthw^th^ paid to the Rec^r^ Gen^ll^ of the Post Office; provided the pet^r^ do give bond to indempnifie the Queen & her Treasury in Scotland from all demands that the exec^rs^ or assignes of Alex^r^ Smith can make, for his sallary or postage of letters, pacq^ts^ or advices, for ye service of ye crowns whilst he was postma^r^ there." 8½ *pages.*

Feb. 24. 102. Letter from the Com^rs^ of Prizes to Mr. Lowndes, sending an account of the plunder of Port St Maries from the out ports and port of London; also a presentment to the Lord High Treasurer on the same subject. Dated 24 Feb. 1702.

The account is not now with it, but the presentment is. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 103. Certificate addressed to Mr. Barker by Mr. B. Bridges, auditor, of the names of such persons as had not brought in their accounts in due time, to the end the Remembrancer might issue process against them. Dated 24 Feb. 1702–3.

There is also a list of sums for extraordinary services not accounted for.

Minuted:—" Lett Mr Moody, Dep^ty^ to Done, dec^d^, make a like cert. for that office." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 104. Four papers of a Committee of the House of Lords, containing observations on accounts furnished them by the Com^rs^ for taking, examining, and stating the public accounts of the kingdom. Dated between 5 and 25 Feb. 1702. 16½ *pages.*

Feb. 26. 105. Memorandum as to 3,500*l.* due to the general officers ordered by the Duke of Marlborough to be paid. They might have received it in Holland, but deferred it till they arrived in England, whereby the government saved the exchange. His Grace desired they might receive it forthwith, to enable them to provide their equipage for the campaign. His Grace also recommended to the Ld Treasurer the payment of half a year's subsidies to Treves. Dated 26 Feb. 1702–3. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

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Feb. 26. 106. Request of the Earl of Peterborough to Mr. Lowndes to move the Lord High Treasurer for his directions about the repayment of 300*l.* which his Lordship had laid down for medicines for the West Indies; and also for the Ld Treasurer's directions to Col. Earle, as to how he was to obtain the 25 boxes of snuff given to him by the Duke of Ormond. Dated Feb. 26, 1702.

Minuted:—"22 March 1702. The 300^li^ to be repaid, but ye goods are under ye arrest of ye Admiralty." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 26.] 107. Petition of John Digby to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be appointed Surveyor of Customs for Liverpool, vacant by the death of Mr. John Callcutt, his family having been great sufferers for the crown. Read 26 Feb. 1702. 1 *page.*

Feb. 26. 108. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, sending an abstract of the plunder of Port St Maries, lying in the outports and in the port of London. They had delivered so much of the Vigo silver into the melting house in the Tower as would coin 1,000*l.*, but the goods of the Mary man-of-war, of which the gold was part, not then being condemned, they did not deliver it into the melting house. The goods were since condemned, and the gold was little more than five pounds in weight, and all in pistoles, about which they asked his L^ps^ directions. Dated 26 Feb. 1702.

There is also the abstract of the plunder. 7 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 26.] 109. Petition of William Yonge, Esq., to the Queen. By letters patent of King Charles II. he was seized of the "House Park" at Hampton Court, as keeper and "paler" thereof, with the meadows, orchard, and gardens, and divers other perquisites. In the year 1700 the King commanded the removal of his cows, &c. from the park, and to deliver up possession to Lord Overkirke, the Master of the Horse, which was done accordingly, and the Lords of the Treasury were to pay the value thereof; but they being unwilling to part with ready money, compelled him to receive an annuity of much smaller value. The petitioner had made great improvements, &c. at an expense of 500*l.*, and paid various officers. He never received any fee as keeper of the orchard (which the late King converted to a wilderness) during the 12 years, all which amounted to 956*l.*, and was not at all considered in the annuity. The Lord Overkirke took possession at Lady-day, 1700, and the petitioner had not received 100*l.* of his annuity. The petitioner surrendered his small estate to Mr Thos Goodall, who married the petitioner's daughter, who was cousin german to the Earl of Marlborough, &c. Prays for payment of his claims.

Also certificate of Lord Halifax of the amount due to the petitioner on his annuity. Dated 26 Feb. 1702–3. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 27.] 110. Petition of Samuel Powell, Esq., serjeant-at-arms attending the House of Commons, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of sums disbursed by him in the last sessions.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

Also the schedule of the sums. 7¼ *pages.*

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1702–3. [? Feb.] 111. Memorial of W. Whitfeild to the Ld High Treasurer as to subsistence of marine regiments. 1 *page, quarto.*

March 1. 112. Annual certificate of the Auditor of Imprest, Mr B. Bridges (pursuant to instructions given in the year 1685 by the Earl of Rochester, then Ld High Treasurer), of the state of all the accounts before the Auditors of Imprest. Dated 1 March 1702–3. 8 *pages.*

[? About March 1.] 113. Petition of William Fazakerley, chamberlain of the city of London, praying to be appointed receiver of the several taxes granted by Act of Parliament, and to be raised in London, Westminster, and Middlesex.

Minuted:—"March 1st 1702–3. To be brought in on Wednesday morning when Mr Attorney is here." 1 *page.*

March 1. 114. An account of money received and paid for the service of the sick and wounded seamen and prisoners, &c. since the present war with France and Spain. Dated 1 March 1702. 15 *pages.*

March 1. 115. The Earl of Ranelagh's memorial relating to the exchanging of tallies on the malt duty. Dated 1 March 1702–3. 1½ *pages.*

March 2. 116. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to the valuation of the plunder of Port St Marie lying at the outports. Dated 2 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"Order that the prize officers open them [*i.e.* the goods] in presence of the officers of ye Customs of the same port." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 2. 117. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes about the navy accounts, enclosing copies of four letters on the same subject. Dated 2 March 1702–3. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 2. 118. Memorial from Mr J. Howe for clearings of the guards and garrisons. Dated 2 March 1702. 1 *page.*

[? About March 3.] 119. Petition of the chancellor, registrar, king of arms, and usher of the Order of the Garter. The affairs relating to the Most Noble Order of the Garter had in all ages from its foundation been under the immediate government of the sovereign and knights companions of the order, having peculiar laws, statutes, and ordinances, and a great seal and signet belonging thereunto; and had been exempt from all other jurisdictions, laws, and authorities whatsoever. Notwithstanding which the petitioners had been taxed to the public aids, to the great violation of their privileges and immunities. Part of the prayer is torn away, but it probably asked that the sums assessed might be allowed them.

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. See w^t has been don in this case.

"On 1st July 1701 there was paid to the Bishop of Salisbury's order, out of secret service money, the sum of 85^li 10^s 0^d, to reimburse his Lord^p so much paid (as p acquittance) to the iiij^sh aid pro an^o 1699, for 570^li 5^s received by him at the Exchequer, for a year's salary to the officers of ye garter & poor kn^ts at Windsor.

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"In the years 1700 & 1701 that part only of ye 570li 5s p ann. was taxed, wch was for salarys to the officers of the garter, exclusive of what belonged to ye poor knights, and is what is now desired to be allowed them, to wit:

"For ye ij sh aid pro anº 1700	28li
"For ye iij sh aid pro anº 1701	42
	£70

"It doth not appear that this yearly sum of 570li 5s was taxed 'till the year 1699, and by speciall clauses in the land tax for the years 1702 & the present year the whole revenue of ye order of ye garter is excused from paying taxes for those years. J. Taylour. 15 March 1702.

"To be laid before ye Queen.

"Read to ye Queen 17 Mar. 1702. Not granted." 1 *page, and the minutes.*

[About March 3.] 120. Petition of John Silver, Searcher of Customs at Bridgewater, to the Lord High Treasurer for the appointment of his son, who had acted as his deputy.

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. My Lord doth not allow of surrenders."

His affidavit that he had received no reward for this proposed transfer. 2 *pages.*

[About March 3.] 121. Petition of Thomas Surridge for 100*li.* reward according to proclamation for taking Thomas Smith, one of the "centinells" over Sir James Montgomery.

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. If this be due why not demanded sooner." 1 *page.*

[About March 3.] 122. Petition to the Queen of the governor and garrison of Londonderry, who in pursuance of his late Majesty King William the Third's royal order, defended that city when besieged by the Irish army in 1688, and also of such as were added afterwards by the King's warrants, as supernumerary or reformed officers. The arrears due to them for that tedious siege, &c. amounted to 221,989*l.*, besides great sums laid out by them for raising, arming, clothing, and subsisting their men, for which end some of them had mortgaged their estates, and they had had their houses and corn burnt, plantations destroyed, and their cattle and goods carried away by the enemies during the siege. Their services and sufferings had been acknowledged by the House of Commons and by the King, but they were still without relief; praying that Her Majesty would grant them the office of licencing pedlars, petty chapmen, and "gray merchants" in Ireland, and also empower them to coin pence, halfpence, and farthings in that kingdom for 31 years in satisfaction of their arrears.

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. Not reasonable to be granted." 2 *pages.*

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1702–3. [About March 3.] 123. Petition of Robert Hewitt to the Lord High Treasurer in regard to the renewal of his brother's constitution, who was receiver general of the land revenue in the counties of Lincoln, Warwick, and Leicester, one Gilliver having applied for the same. The petitioner had served as clerk to Mr. Auditors Aldworth, Stephens, and Morrice from 1679 to 1700, and was out of pocket 30*l.*

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. When he brings a cert. y^t^ all these acco^ts^ are declared by ye chancell^r^ my lord will grant this." 1 *page.*

[? About March 3.] 124. Letter signed Charlotte Justel to the [Lord High Treasurer], enclosing a petition from her to Her Majesty, the same as was lately recommended to his Lordship by Lord Weymouth, asking his Lordship's help.

The petition states that her husband, Henry Justel, coming to England "for his religion," left a considerable estate in France, became library keeper to their Majestys, and on his death the petitioner obtained a pension of 60*l.*, and that she prayed for the continuance of it.

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. Examine this." 2 *pages.*

March 3. 125. Memorial of Anne Wynyarde, alias Incledon, Her Majesty's housekeeper of the palace at Westminster, to the Lord High Treasurer, for upwards of 300*l.* due to her on warrants signed by the Lord Chamberlain for servants' wages, &c.

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. Let Mr Vanburgh lay before my L^d^ a list of all ye bills for one year end. 8 March 1702." 1 *page.*

[? About March 3.] 126. Petition of John Chambelayne to the Lord High Treasurer.

Docquetted:—"Jno Chambelayne alledges that ye late King gave him ye place of keeper of ye papers, and prays 3 q^rs^ salary from ye death of Sr Joseph W^m^son to Mid^r^ 1702. A certificate is inclosed from ye 2 Sec^rys^ of State in y^t^ time that he was so appointed, but he never passed any patent or privy seal for ye salary."

Minuted:—"3 March 1702. He has no title to any salary." 2 *pages.*

March 3. 127. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, sending, by command of the Queen, a bill of payments made by Col. John Dudley, governor of New Hampshire, in America, for reimbursement. Dated 3 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak with my Lord Notte." 2 *pages.*

March 4. 128. Letter of the Earl of Ranelagh, commencing "My good master Lowndes," in favour of a small pension to the mother of Mr. Francis Bythell, who was an able and honest officer, long employed as such by Mr. Auditor Bridges. Finishing, "I know that the name of Ranelagh hath been very unfortunate of late, yett I hope it will have some interest with my noble Lord Treasurer and his worthy secretary Mr. Lownds, to oblige the bearer [Mr. Francis Bythell]." Dated 4 March 1702.

Minuted:—"22 March 1702. No fund." 1 *page.*

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March 4. 129. Abstracts of what men are wanting for the muster in the six marine regiments, for the muster ending 24 Feb. 1702–3. Signed at the foot "Exr Dl Crauford, March 4th, 1702–3." 7 *pages.*

March 4. 130. Report of Mr Phil. Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of the inhabitants of the parish of All Saints in the city of Oxford. The quantity of timber that would be necessary for the repair of the roof, &c. of that church, would amount to 200 loads. The pollard and decayed trees were not fit for the occasion, and by the sales and repairs of the lodges there, the forest was not capable of answering any other occasion for some time. Dated 4 March 1702.

An Order in Council and the petition referred to.

Minuted:—"22 Mar. 1702. Lett him propose how this service may more conveniently be provided for." 3 *pages.*

March 5. 131. An abstract of the respitts on the muster rolls, returnd by the Commissary Genll of the musters into the office of Mr J. Howe, from 25 Dec. to 24 Feb. [1702–3]. Dated 5 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page.*

March 5. 132. Petition of Simon Harcourt, Secondary of the Crown Office in the Court of Queen's Bench. In the "3rd & 4th year" of King James the Second, petitioner was established to prosecute for crimes against the peace in that court, at a salary of 50*l.* and expended 982*l.* before 1688, and his salary was then 25*l.* in arrear. As clerk of the peace for Middlesex, he had discharged duties without fees from 1693 to 1702, which at a reasonable allowance were worth 130*l.* He also prepared all the proceedings against the conspirators to assassinate the late King, &c. His bill was 66*l.* 12*s.* He had petitioned the Treasury for the last amount, and the petition was recommended by many justices and others; prays payment. Dated 5 March 1702.

The petition and the bill mentioned.

Another copy of the petition. *Minuted:*—"6 March 1702. The last article to be paid and where there are arrears ye second." 4 *pages.*

March 5. 133. Memorial of Mr. Henry Wise to the [Lord High Treasurer] for payment of 682*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* due to him. There were other works in the gardens at Hampton Court, Kensington, and St. James' Park, requiring to be completed. Dated 5 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. To be here on Munday morn." 1 *page.*

[About March 6.] 134. Petition of the five serjeants-at-arms, whose patents were during pleasure, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking to be paid a quarter's salary, from Christmas to Lady-day, the same as the other three serjeants-at-arms.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. They are to be paid from Lady-day only." 1 *page.*

March 6. 135. Petition of Sarah Abbott, relict of Mordecai Abbott, late receiver general of the Customs, to the Lord High Treasurer, for the

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delivery up, by the Queen's Remembrancer, of the bonds given by her late husband, whose accounts were passed.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. To be deliverd up after some convenient time."

Certificate from the deputy clerk of the Pipe as to the accounts. 2 *pages.*

[? About March 6.] 136. Petition of Rodney Fane; Esq., to the Queen. Was son of Doctor William Fane, deceased, brother to the Rt. Hon. Mildmay, Earl of Westmoreland, and one of the canons of the cathedral church of Wells, who in the reign of Kings Charles I. and Charles II. eminently expressed his loyalty, &c., and suffered imprisonment and sequestration; praying for employment as one of the Com^rs of Stamps, agents of the Exchequer (called quickners), or as one of the Com^rs of any other office.

Certificate in corroboration.

Minuted:—"24 Dec. 1702. The Queen grants no reverc̃ons."

Also copy of the same.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. Not granted." 4 *pages.*

[? About March 6.] 137. Petition of Henry Lowman, housekeeper and wardrobe keeper of Kensington, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to his salary, with an account of what was paid out of the salary of 300*l.*, in all 212*l.* 12*s.*, besides taxes at 4*s.* and 5*s.* per *li.*

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. To be laid before ye Queen." Again: "Read to ye Queen 17th Mar. 1702." 150^li a year addic̃on. Her Ma^ty doth not think this reasonable, but he must be contented wth ye 300^li a year." 2 *pages.*

[? About March 6.] 138. Petition of Abell Slaney and others to the Queen. There was great occasion amongst the common people for half pence and farthings, to carry on the retail trade; as well as to transport to the West Indies. In the late reign he contracted for coining half pence and farthings to the satisfaction of parliament, but sustained great losses, in being obliged to take in exchange all the tin half pence and farthings of the Kingdom for copper coin by tale, praying for letters patent for coining 500 tons of the same in five years, at the Mint in the Tower, of the same weight and value as the last, with such impressions as Her Majesty should direct.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. Let him put his proposal in writing." 1 *page.*

[? About March 6.] 139. Petition of William Rowley, Esq., groom porter to Her Majesty, addressed to the Queen. He furnished by contract the Palaces, both Houses of Parliament, and the Ambassadors "first lodgings," at 550*l.* per ann. There were more palaces furnished and to be furnished, than at the time of the contract; but he craved no additional allowance. There was beyond the contract money, a salary of 130*l.* 8/4, but the present establishment was so worded that it cut the petitioner off, unless her Majesty signified her pleasure.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. It is otherwise regulated on ye establishm^t." 1 *page.*

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[? About March 6.] 140. Memorial or letter from Mr. Rymer [to Mr. Lowndes]. No allowance on account of the old leagues and treaties had been made him by the Treasury since Midsummer 1701, but the charge in clerks and lodgings continued. To part with them would put it out of his power to print and publish, as the order of council had directed. By this means a debt was growing upon him, which he must sink under, unless relieved by the Treasury, which he might the rather expect, as hitherto no manner of consideration had been shown him for almost 10 years constant attendance in that service, and old age came so fast upon him, that he could not expect to be much longer in a condition to do anything. Begging his favour to present this to the Lord Treasurer.

Minuted:—"6 March 1702. To be laid before ye Queen." 1 *page, quarto..*

[? About March 6.] 141. Petition of Wm Attwood, chief justice of the province of New York, America. The Lord Cornbury had thought fit on 9 June last to suspend him without giving him any hearing upon articles exhibited. This had so inconvenienced him, that he could not help his son, who with considerable effects had fallen into the hands of the French as prisoner at St. Malos; prays for consideration. 1 *page.*

March 7. 142. Letter from Mr. Robert Sutton [Ambassador to Turkey] to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The Levant Company had pared away his salary to the quick, by making a retrenchment amounting to 40 per cent., and took no further notice of this embassy than as it related to their trade. The support of the Queen's character and the decorum of the embassy were left to the care of the crown, whose servant the ambassador was, and the same order having been given to him by the Secretary of State, as to Her Majesty's other ministers abroad, to put himself and family into mourning upon the occasion of the King's death, he was confident his Lordship would allow the charges; especially since the French, Venetian, and Dutch ambassadors had the same, besides considerable appointments which they enjoyed from their masters as well as from the merchants of their respective nations. The canopy and other things pertaining to the embassy had not been received from the Earl of Mountague out of the wardrobe. He further asks payment of his arrears. Dated "Pera of Constantinople, March 7, O.S. 1702/3." 2 *pages.*

March 8. 143. Letter from Mr. Benjn Sweet to the Duke of Marlborough. There were only the first 10,000 men (sent to the assistance of the States General), cleared to the last of May 1702. He had sent an account to the Earl of Ranelagh, of moneys paid there to these men, and for subsistence to the rest of the English forces who came since, that the accounts might be made up, &c. Dated Hague the $\frac{19}{8}$ March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"15 March 1702. My Ld. Ranelagh to bring wth him to morrow an acco^t of w^t m^o he hath paid to Mr Sweet." 2 *pages.*

March 9. 144. Letter from Mr Auditor B. Bridges in respect to Mr Herbert's accounts, as late Receiver General for Prizes. Dated 9 March 1702–3.

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Minuted:—"Writt to ye Remembrancer, reciting Mr Auditor Bridges lett^r, to know w^t cause y^r is y^t process has not gone out against Mr Herbert late Rec^r Genl of the Prizes." 1 *page.*

March 9. 145. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Macky. Upon the conclusion of the late peace with France, they entered into contract with Mr Macky, by which he was obliged to furnish five boats to carry the mails between England, France, and Flanders for three years from Lady-day, 1698; they further entered into a second contract for five years for 1,400*l.* per ann., he finding boats, men, &c. There was a clause that if, from war or otherwise, the intercourse should be interrupted, the contract should cease, and upon the declaration of war with France and Spain the boats were discharged. As to his desire to be continued on the establishment with a salary as manager of the packet boats, it did not appear there was any occasion for such an officer during the war.

These boats were built by Mr Macky purposely for carrying the mails and were not proper for other uses, and were lying upon his hands, &c. Dated 9 March 1702.

Minuted:—"Read 8th March 1702 [which must be a mistake]. He has a title to be employed before any body else when the boats can be used. But there is no agreem^t for the Queen to pay damage in this case."

The petition referred to, also another petition on the same subject praying that the Postmaster General should purchase the boats of him, "it never being the intention of so good a government that any man should be ruined purely for serving it," &c. This is *minuted*: "22 Mar. 1702. My Lord will be guided by ye Post M^rs report who are ye proper judges in his case & can add nothing to his former resolucõn thereupon." 4 *pages.*

[See also 15 Feb.]

[About March 10.] 146. Memorial of Col. Howe, Lieut. and Keeper of Forests of Alice-Holt and Wilmer to the Ld High Treasurer, as to arrears of salary to five underkeepers, &c.

Minuted:—"10 March 1702. To pay one year due to 'em & my L^d expects a rep^t for ye future settlem^t of ye salaries." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 10. 147. Memorial of Lieut. Genl Churchill for His Royal Highness the Prince of Denmark's regiment, as to their arrears of pay, being about to embark for Holland. Dated 10 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"To Mr Pauncefoot to come to morr. morn. with an acc^t of what tallys on ye malt dutys are in my Ld Ran. hands and how much thereof for the officers clearings and how much for the sea pay to ye men."

"Lett a copy of this be referd to Mr Blathwaite & Mr How." 1 *page.*

[? About March 12.] 148. Letter signed Ja. Vernon to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing:—"A method proposed to be observed in the paying of the

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annuities in Mr Vernon's office" by the Tellers, & hoping it was such as would prevent any ill accidents.

Minuted:—"Read 12 March 1702. The Tellers must take care that ye business of ye anuitys, as well as ye other business, be despatch'd according to ye usual course of ye Excheqr." 3 *pages.*

[? About March 12.] 149. Memorial of Edward, Earl of Orford, to the Lord High Treasurer. In May 1699 he laid down his employment as Treasurer of the Navy. The then Lords of the Treasury were of opinion, that his officers should continue to act, and Mr Doddington and the clerks had continued their duties. In addition, Mr Hill had been appointed; asking for a warrant for their pay. Seven clerks had since been dismissed and his accounts with the Navy Board drawing near a conclusion, more might have been dismissed, but the Comrs for taking the public accounts required his accounts to be exhibited in so extensive a manner.

Minuted:—"12 March 1702. To speak wth ye Comrs of ye Navy." 2½ *pages.*

March 12. 150. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer as to transport (computed at 3,500*l.*) of the regiments of Col. Stanhope and Col. Meredith from Dublin to Holland. Dated 12 March 1702.

Minuted:—"Issue this mony to Mr. Fox." 1 *page.*

March 12. 151. Memorial of Mr. W. Whitfeild to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the clearings of the six marine regiments. Dated 12 March 1702–3.

Also "an accot of ye numbers of officers & private men upon ye muster rolls of the 6 marine regiments respited." 2 *pages.*

March 12. 152. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, as to French men-of-war taken at Vigo, three Spanish galleons, &c., and as to the tonnage & gunnage thereof. Dated 12 March 1702–3.

Enclosing a letter from the Comrs of Victualling as to certain provisions out of three French prizes.. 6½ *pages.*

March 12. 153. Letter of Wm Lowndes, Esq., to Sir Edw. Northey, Knt, Attorney General, enclosing an extract of a report from the Comrs of the Navy upon a memorial from the Comrs for Prizes, and asking for his opinion upon the part of the same which relates to the guns, furniture, &c., referred to in the preceding entry. Dated 12 March 1702–3. 2 *pages.*

March 13. 154. Report of Mr. Philip Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of the water-carters for watering the ring and places leading thereunto in Hyde Park for the years 1701 & 1702. They employed 12 carts with a man & horse to each for 61 days in 1701, and for 58 days in 1702. He thought 6*s.* a day for a cart, man, and horse, and wear and tear, was not an extraordinary craving. Dated 13 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"To be pd for 1701 out of arrears. 1702 out of Qs mony."

The petition and the two accounts.

There are memoranda on the back showing what was paid for that service in 1698, 1699, and 1700. 4 *pages.*

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March 14. 155. Proposal of Sir Theod. Janssen, Sir Step. Evance, and Nich. Santini, for furnishing bills on Turin for the value of 50,000*l.* Dated 14 March 1702–3. 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About March 15.] 156. "Objections humbly offerd by Hellen Vaughan, to a late accot of the farmers of the lotteries annexed to their report upon her petition, referred to them by the Rt Honoble the Lord High Treasurer, the 22th of January 1702."

Accompanied by the report, account, and petition. The petitioner was the wife of Col. John Vaughan and had an allowance out of her husband's pension payable out of the Royal Oak lottery.

Minuted:—"15 March 1702. Order ye farmers to pass their account in ye Excheqr & then they will be allow'd no more than wht they have legal vouchers for." 4 *pages.*

March 15. 157. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr. Lowndes. The galleons taken at Vigo belonged to private persons and not to the crown of Spain. Dated 15 March 1702–3. 1 *page, quarto.*

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March 16. 1. Application from J. Howe to the Ld High Treasurer for a supply to carry on the subsistence of the guards from 19 March to 15 April 1703. Dated 16 March 1702–3. 1 *page.*

March 16. 2. Articles of a treaty made between Her Majesty and the States General and the Duke of Saxe Gotha for his troops, 27th March N.S. 1703, relating to their pay.

The articles are in French.

There is also "an account of money to be paid to the troops of Saxe Gotha." This is probably somewhat later. 5 *pages.*

[? About March 17.] 3. Letter of Captain Henry Thomas to the [Lord High Treasurer] asking, on account of his great necessities, that something might speedily be done, to enable him to pay his creditors; he must end his days in a loathsome prison, unless his lordship, in consideration of his unshaken loyalty, long services, and great sufferings, find some expedient. There were few who had suffered more by the revolution. His circumstances were such at the death of King Charles, that he did not think it would be in the power of fortune to make him so miserable; nor could he believe, considering how often he had hazarded his life for the service of the crown in the worst of times, he should be suffered to want bread so long as there was a "Steward" on the throne. He was the only officer turned out by Lord Tirconnell who was restored by King James.

Also a letter from Mr. Secretary Hedges in his favour. Dated 17 March 1702–3.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 12, p. 75, 19 Apr. 1703, is:—"Capt. Thomas, see what pencõn, when granted and discontinued."

Again, at p. 93, 19 May 1703: "There is no fond for such pencõns," and

Again, at p. 120, 16 July 1703: "Her Majesty would not grant his request for a pension, but a bounty some other way." 2 *pages.*

[? About March 17.] 4. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Sussex, to the Queen, setting out the same particulars as are to be found in Vol. LVIII., Nos. 47 and 48, and LXXVIII., No. 1 of this Calendar, and in addition, that the Countess of Sheppey, the petitioner's mother, as one of the aunts and co-heirs of Anne, heretofore Countess of Oxon, deceased, was entitled to a fourth part of her estate, in reversion after the death of Aubrey, Earl of Oxon, her husband; that the Countess of Sheppey charged the same fourth part of the estate with her debts, and appointed the same to be sold for payment thereof, and the debts so charged amounted to about 3,000*l.*; that the fourth part of the estate having fallen in possession by the death of the Earl of Oxon would be sold for the payment of the debts, unless the petitioner laid down 3,000*l.*; prays for payment of 6,000*l.* as part of the 20,000*l.*, his wife's portion, to pay the same, and make provision for the Lady Barbara Leonard, the petitioner's eldest daughter.

Also the state of the Earl of Sussex's case.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 17th Mar. 1702. The Queen will pay 1,200li a year for interest." 3 *pages.*

[? About March 17.] 5. Memoranda as to an annuity payable to Greenwich Hospital, and as to the grant of 19,500*l.* to the same, drawn out with the view of asking her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 17th Mar. 1702. My Ld is to enquire into this establ. before ye 2,000li a year commence again." 1 *page.*

March 17. 6. A new state of Morgan Whitley's debt, as late Receiver General for Cheshire, supplied by Henry Shales, auditor to the Lord High Treasurer, by his Lps commands. Dated 17 March 1702–3. 1 *large page.*

March 17. 7. Memorial of Peter Shakerley, Esq., Governor of the city and castle of Chester, to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the pay of the company of invalids at Chester.

Also an account of what was due to them. Dated 17 March 1702–3. 2 *pages.*

March 18. 8. Letter from Mr. T. Baker to the Lord High Treasurer. On his going to Algiers he furnished with necessaries three Turks, who escaped out of French gallies in Torbay, and took them with him to Algiers, and the Dey owned this as a distinguishing mark of his late Majesty's kindness. There were then two Turks, one of Algier, taken as a slave, and the other a native of Buda, escaped out of the Spanish gallies into Portugal. They had lately arrived here, and were altogether destitute. Recommends 10*s.* a week to

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be allowed them for lodgings and diet, and 20*l.* for clothing. The consul's nephew, Mr. Wyndham Cole, who attended an order for his return to Algier with Her Majesty's present to the Dey, would be the most proper person to be charged with them. Dated 18 March 1702.

Minuted:—"20li for cloathing & ye 10*s.* a week to each to be p̃d from 20 March out of sec. service to be paid to Mr Wyndham Cole." 2 *pages.*

March 18. 9. Letter of Mr. Isaac Newton to the Hon. Wm. Lowndes, Esq., desiring him to acquaint the Lord High Treasurer that he had in his hands some money formerly impressed to Mr. Neale, derived from other funds than the coinage duty, out of which he paid a salary of 60*l.* to Mr. Robert Weddell for his services in prosecuting clippers and coiners, and was of opinion that 40*l.* might be paid from it to Mrs. Ann Morris in satisfaction of her husband's services. Dated 18 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—"Ordered."

Report of the officers of the Mint in favour of Mrs. Morris, recommending 40*l.* to be paid to her, her husband having always been very zealous in prosecuting coiners. Also her petition and her husband's bill for discovering, apprehending, &c., clippers, coiners, and other malefactors. 6 *pages.*

March 18. 10. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Bishopp, Esq., one of the securities of Thomas Cobb, deceased, late Recr General, of the 4*s.* 4*d.* aid anno 1696, for the county of Southampton: recommending the stay of proceedings against him. Dated 18 Mar. 1702.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 19. 11. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Queen on the petition of Daniel Harvey, Esq., as to certain messuages at Mortlake, granted by King Charles II. to be employed in tapestry manufacture. His opinion was that it would not be to the Queen's prejudice or that of her people if Her Majesty released to the petitioner the proviso and condition for employing the houses for tapestry making, and that Her Majesty might lawfully release the same. Dated 19 Mar. 1702–3.

Referred to the Ld High Treasurer.

Also the petition and three affidavits.

Minuted:—"April 9, 1703. Prepare a warrt for a patent to release the condiĉon." Warrt drawn. 6 *pages.*

[About March 19.] 12. Petition of Thomas Cornwallis to the Queen, praying for an allowance of 100*l.* a quarter "as an eqevolent maintenance & provision for the employmt" Her Majesty "might have intended for him," and in consideration of the loss of time he had suffered, &c. He had also a great charge of a sick wife for eight years almost bedridden with the gout; she was the widow of Col. Hugh Verman, of Cornwall, whose personal merits, "distinguishable courage," and loyalty, were well known to the Duke of Marlborough.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 12, p. 58, 19 March 1702–3, is:—"Mr Cornwallis to have 100li as a bounty." 1 *page.*

[? About March 19.] 13. Petition of Simon Harcourt, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of arrears due to him out of the arrears of the Civil List money due before his late Majesty's decease.

Minuted:—"19 March 1702. When arrears come in. But see" [*sic.*] *Again*:—"To be considered to morr. morn." [See also another petition of 5 March.] 1 *page.*

[? About March 20.] 14. "A particular of what remains due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office since 8 Mar. 1701," viz., on Council and Lord Chamberlain's warrants, stationery wares, and messengers' bills.

[The Maunday Thursday alluded to in the schedule would probably be the year after that in April 1701–2.] 1 *page.*

March 20. 15. Report of the Agents of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Parran and Charles Mason, late Receivers General for duties on houses and marriages, &c., for the county of Oxford for the year 1701: recommending the stay of process against them. Dated 20 Mar. 1702.

Also the petition and another paper relating thereto.

Minuted:—"9 Apr. 1703. Stay their process till ye first day of Trinity Term." 3 *pages.*

[? About 22 March.] 16. Petition of Col. Benjamin Fletcher, Col. Richard Ingoldesby, and Captain Wm Hide, captains of three of the Independent Companies of New York, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying an order for the computation of their pay to prevent their entire ruin.

Minuted:—"22 March 1702. This is proper for the Comrs for stating the accots of ye army, and his Lop doth not think it proper for him to do any thing in this matter."

There is also a copy of a report of Lord Ranelagh on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

[? About March 22.] 17. Petition of Francis Burghill, Esq., late servant to Kings Charles II. and James II. He had been bred up in the service of the crown from his youth, and had been a great sufferer thereby. He could discover an estate of inheritance of about 1,200*l.* a year, which for some years had been unjustly concealed from the crown, and would do so if the Queen would grant him a lease for a term of years of a moiety of the same.

Minuted:—"22 Mar. 1702. If he will make his proposicõn & it be a real discovery, my ld will consider him proporcõnally." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About March 22.] 18. Petition of the Landwaiters in the port of London to the Lord High Treasurer. They paid 5*s.* in the pound out of their salaries, besides a reassessment of 1*l.* 4*s.* with which the "ward" had charged them this year. Most of them had large families, and the strictness of their duty obliged them to live near the Custom House, where rents were dear, and after paying taxes and rent they had scarce subsistence: praying the remission of the taxes on their

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salaries, which did not exceed 80*l.* per ann., as was done by warrant for the Navy, Admiralty, Ordnance, and Excise.

Minuted:—" 22 Mar. 1702. The precedents are found inconvenient & not to be continued any longer, and ye petrs must bear their part of ye publick charge." 1 *page.*

[? About March 22.] 19. Memorial of Captain David Loches, of Lord Barrymore's regiment. He with his whole company were taken at Cammaret Bay and carried prisoners to Nantes. To prevent the men from " taking on with the French," he had allowed each of them 2*d. per diem* besides his subsistence. 50*l.* had been ordered to be paid to him of the royal bounty, but it stood charged against him as arrears: prays that it might be struck out.

Minuted:—" 22 Mar. 1702. My Lord can doe nothing in this." 1 *page.*

[About March 22.] 20. " An accompt of the quantity of pieces of tynn made and coyned in the county of Cornwall, from Christmas 1691 inclusive to Michaelmas 1701 inclusive, taken from the roles made up annualy for the Dutchy of Cornwal, and the weight thereof computd from the coynage duty."

Minuted:—" 22th March 1702–3. Read."

Also an estimate of everage price of tin in Cornwall: signed Alex. Pendarver. 2 *pages.*

March 22. 21. Report of Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Francis Golling, collector of the penny post office, who had been displaced after many years service, upon articles exhibited against him by one Sampson, and then applied to be reinstated, Mr Ralph Blackhall, who had succeeded him, having been suspended for fraudulent practices. The report is in his favour. Dated 22 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—" Read 22 March 1702. My Lord will speak wth the Post Marrs."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

March 22. 22. Report or certificate of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, of what revenues are payable to the crown in the several plantations or colonies in America, and to what uses they were respectively applicable, and also a state of the receiver's accounts of the said plantations, viz., the Carribbee Islands, Jamaica, Bermudas, Maryland, New York, Massachusets Bay, New Hampshire, East New Jersey, West New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New Castle, Lower Countys, Carolina, Hudson's Bay, and Mount Hope. Dated 22 March 1702–3.

Minuted:—" 22th March 1702–3. Mr Blathwayt to attend this day fortnight, & these papers to be then brought in." 11 *pages.*

March 22. 23. A list of bills payable by the Treasurer of the Chamber from March 8th 1701–2 to March 8th 1702–3. Dated 22 March 1702–3. 1 *page.*

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[? About March 22.] 24. Account of money paid in passing privy seals, and of fees at the Treasury and Signet Offices, for several letters signed by Her Majesty to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland.

Minuted:—" 22 Mar. 1702. This is to be paid to Mr Taylour, but an accot to be made of wt this charge hath amounted to since Her Matys accession to the crown, that ye same may be laid before Her Maty in councill." 2½ *pages.*

[? About March 22.] 25. Petition of George Larkin to the Lord High Treasurer. He was appointed to go to the several plantations in America, to carry over the commissions and settle the forms in trying the pirates there, for which he was to have 800*l.*, a moiety being paid down and the remainder when the service was performed. On his return he was appointed Secretary of the Leeward Islands. Prays payment of the remaining 400*l.*

The last minute on the back is :—" 22 March 1702–3. My Lord thinkes he is paid enough for this service." 1 *page.*

March 23. 26. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Peter Lynch, merchant, praying his Lordship to accept the proposal made by his friends, to pay three shillings in the pound for his debt to the crown. Of some of his sureties who were bound for 740*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* and 924*l.* 17*s.* 1½*d.*, their solicitor says that Mr Lynch was gone out of England, that George Thornburgh, one of the securities, was a poor fellow, and a prisoner in the Queen's Bench, that Michael Burmingham, another of the securities, is a poor barber in Finch Lane, whose goods were seized by an extent, which amounted to 44*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*, and was not to be met with, that Francis Hawkins, another of the securities, was a journeyman cooper and a poor man, and had absconded. Dated 23 March 1702–3.

The petition and 11 other papers.

Minuted:—" April 13, 1703. Agreed to. Wt signed 16 Aprill 1703." 13 *pages or parts of pages.*

March 23. 27. Memorial of Mr J. Howe to the Ld [High Treasurer], (1) as to subsistence of Brigadier Gustavus Hamilton, whose regiment had been ordered to the West Indies, by the Duke of Ormond, but was permitted to return home; (2) as to the clothing, &c. of a detachment from the regiment of Lord Lucas [transferred] to complete Brigadier Colenbine's regiment. Dated 23 March 1702–3.

Also a certificate. 2 *parts of pages.*

[About March 23.] 28. Petition of Samuel Barnardiston, Bart., to the Queen. A most arbitrary and illegal judgment was given against him by the Lord Chief Justice Jefferys, whereby he was fined 10,000*l.* and confined close prisoner until payment should be made. He was kept in prison five years until King William's accession. About 7,000*l.* was raised by the sale of his estate; and by extortions and embezzlements, tyranny and oppression of under-sheriffs, bailiffs, gaolers, &c., he was damnified above 20,000*l.*, and 1,905*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* of his own money remained in specie in the Exchequer and came to

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the hands of King William III. The judgment was reversed by the House of Lords, but he had received no satisfaction; prays payment of interest on the last sum, and for what was taken from him by pretended Exchequer fees.

Minuted:—"23 March 1702. The Queen hath not thought fitt to direct any interest."

Also copy of the judgment in the House of Lords. 2 *pages.*

[? About March 24.] 29. Petition of the captains and officers of the Queen's regiment of dragoons, lately commanded by Major Genl Leveson (now by Brigadier William Lloyd), for a warrant for the removal of certain respites to put them on the same footing with other regiments.

Minuted:—"24 March 1702. My Lord doth not think it proper for him to allow this."

Also six other papers. 9 *pages or parts of pages.*

March 24. 30. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Her Majesty wished examination to be made of the particulars of what things were necessary for the foot company of 80 private men besides officers at Newfoundland, and that they should be sent by the next convoy. Dated 24 March 1703 [*i.e.* 1702–3].

Five other papers relating to their pay and clothing.

Minuted:—"12th Apr. 1703. Ordrd 1801li. 2s/6d." 6½ *pages.*

Before March 25. 31. Draft of an order for raising volunteers for a regiment of foot. Dated March 1702–3. 1 *page.*

March 25. 32. "An accot of what hath been paid to sundry foreigne ministers out of his late Matts revenues for the civill list between Xmas 1701 and Lady-day 1703.

"An accot of pencons paid at the Excheqr out of his late Matts revenues for the civill list," for the same time. 3½ *pages.*

March 25. 33. Notices from the Comrs of Accounts to the Controller and Cashire of Excise, requiring them to exhibit their accounts. Dated 25 March 1703. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 26. 34. An estimate of the charge of building a new ship of 50 guns at her Matys yard at Deptford, and completely equipping her with masts, yards, &c. Dated 26 March 1703. The estimate was 8,712*l.* The dimensions are given.

Also for a 60-gun ship, 13,673*l.*, and 40-gun ship, 5,246*l.* 3 *pages.*

March 26. 35. Letter from Mr Benjn Sweet to the Duke of Marlborough, with the after-mentioned enclosure:—In a postscript he desires his Grace to recommend payment of his bill for 10,000*l.* drawn on Lord Ranelagh. If it were returned he should have to pay all the costs and damages. Dated Rotterdam, 6 April S.N. 1703.

[Mr Benjn] "Sweet's abstract of all the receipts of money from the Rt Honble E. of Ranelagh to this day, and payements made to the forces from the 1st June 1701 to the 24th December 1702." Dated "Roterdam, Aprill 6th S. N. 1703. 7 *pages.*

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March 27. 36. Report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr Wm Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Col. Farrington, as to a warrant taking off the respits upon the pay of the Coll and Quartermaster of the regiment. Dated 27 March 1703. 1 *page.*

March 27. 37. "An acct of the sevll sums necessary to be forthwith respitted to Holland for the advance to such of the 20,000 men of augmentation as are already agreed for." 27 March 1703 (French). 3 *pages.*

March 27. 38. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Elizabeth Brawne, relict and executrix of Charles Brawn, Esq., late Receiver General of the third 3*s.* aid, 1699, and of other aids, &c. for the county of Somerset and city of Bristol, recommending various allowances. Dated 27 March 1703.

Also two petitions and a bill for incidents.

Minuted:—"9 Apr. 1703. There is no fund at present for ye payment of such arrears." 4 *pages.*

March 31. 39. Letter of Urban Hall to the Lord High Treasurer, bringing forward his qualifications to be appointed to purchase pitch and tar for the service of the navy. He asks for 2*l.* 5*s.* per cent. Dated London, 31 March 1703.

Minuted:—"12 Apr. 1703. He must apply to ye Comrs of ye Navy."

Also, extract from three letters as to ye supply of the same articles. 4 *pages.*

[? About March.] 40. "An accot of ye debt due in the Office of the Works for the quarter ending March 1703, wth a particular accot where the workes in the severall houses were performed, in answer to an abstract thereof delivered to my Lord Treasurer."

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu." 8 *pages.*

March 31. 41. A paper headed, "Bridgman sloop [a West India packet boat], to profit and loss accountable to her outsetting and maintenance upon her first voyage to the islands of the West Indies and back to Falmo, till she proceeded on her 2d voyage; commencing wages the 25th August 1702, and ending the same the 31st March followg 1703." 1 *page.*

April 2. 42. Report of Mr Philip Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer. He had prepared instructions for a commission to be executed in the New Forest, for making further enclosures there, according to the Act of Parliament, and had endeavoured to propose to his Lp a number of persons, fit and qualified to execute such commission. Two persons should be justices of the peace for the county of Southampton, not officers of the forest. He could not find two such persons, whose attendance he could rely on; several who had promised, afterwards excused themselves. There was a difficulty in inducing persons in eminent stations to countenance and execute the commission. Sends a list of such as had not then declined. Dated 2 April 1703. 2 *pages.*

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April 3. 43. Order in Council, referring to the Lord High Treasurer various particulars furnished by Lord Cornbury, as to the state of the forts at New York, Albany, Schenectady, Canestigione, and the Half Moon upon Hudson River. In consideration of the great charges for the fortifications, and the low state of the province, which since the Earl of Bellomont came there, was much in debt; the Lords Com^rs of Trade offered their opinion, that Lord Cornbury be ordered to use his best endeavours with the Assembly to provide for repair, &c. of the same. His Lordship had represented that they needed assistance from hence. His late Majesty ordered 2,500*l.* should be remitted, whereof 500*l.* only was issued. The four foot companies ought to consist of 400 privates, and there were 68 wanting. There were not more than 20 muskets fit for use in the two companies, &c. The four companies were in need of accoutrements. Besides what was due from the executors of the Earl of Bellomont, there was in the hands of Captn Nanfan, late Lieut^t Governor of New York, 510*l.* for respits, &c. Dated 3 April 1703.

Also "A list of accoutrements wanting for the four companys in New York."

Minuted:—"12 Apr. 1703. My Lo. will speak wth Mr Blathwayt about this to-morrow morning." 2½ *pages.*

April 5. 44. A schedule of sums necessary to be supplied to Mr J. Howe for his office. Dated 5 April 1703.

Minuted:—"Ord^rd 6th Apr. 1703. 1,581*l.* 13. 1." 1½ *pages.*

[? About April 5.] 45. Presentment concerning Sir Cloudesley Shovell's share of prizes taken under his flag.

Also a tabular view of "prizes taken and retaken by Her Majesty's ships of the squadron, under the command of Sir Cloudesly Shovel." Dated Admiralty Office, 5 April 1703. 3½ *pages.*

April 6. 46. Letter from the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, as to bringing the Vigo booty remaining at the outports to London. Dated 6 April 1703.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page, quarto.*

April 9. 47. A lord chamberlain's warrant to Charles Godfrey, Esq., Master of the Jewel House, for the provision and delivery to the R^t Hon. Sir Charles Hedges, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of six silver boxes, with Her Majesty's arms engraven on them for the great seal, which is to be affixed to treaties and ratifications. Dated 9 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April 9. 48. Letter from the Prize Com^rs to Mr Lowndes, enclosing, for the Ld High Treasurer, recommendation by the Com^rs for Prizes of Mr Phineas Bowles to proceed with the squadron under command of Sir Cloudesley Shovel, to take care of all prizes captured, and that 5 per cent. of the prizes be allowed him. Dated 9 April 1703.

Minuted:—"Orderd; provided the value of ye prizes doth not exceed 10,000^li & if it dos ye further consideracõn of this service to be submitted to my Ld Treär." 2 *pages.*

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April 9. 49. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Anthony Vernatty, for pay of 242*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, for lamps in Westminster Hall and other places, by order of the House of Commons, for the accommodation of both Houses. Dated 9 April 1703.

The petition, the accounts of the lamps, copy of votes of the House of Commons, &c.

Minuted:—" 20 Apr. 1703. Pay wt is due in ye Queen's time." 14 *pages.*

April 9. 50. "Copy of Mr Burchett's letter concerning the brass guns and ordnance stores from Vigo," addressed to the Comrs for Prizes. Dated Admiralty Office, 9 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April 9. 51. Account of debt due in the Office of Her Majesty's Works, from the last of Dec. 1702 to the last of March 1703. Dated April 9, 1703. 1 *page.*

[? About April 9.] 52. Representation by the Comrs for Trade and Plantations complaining that they were six quarters in arrear for their salary.

Minuted:—" April 9th 1703. See what they have received of arrears since his Mats decease. They have received halfe a year since his late Matys decease, wch was intended them by ye scheme of distributions approved by his said Maty about a month before."

Again:—" 14 Apr. 1703. They have had as much in proporcon as ye other officrs."

[One of the Comrs was Matthew Prior.]

Also another paper on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

April 9. 53. Memorial of Mr. J. Howe to the Ld High Treasurer, for a supply to carry on the subsistence of the Guards, from 16 April to 13 May 1703. Dated 9 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April 10. 54. Letter from the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, about arrears of quit rents and as to "setting" the the undisposed lands of that kingdom. Dated 10 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April 10. 55. Letter of Peter Shakerley [Governor of the city and castle of Chester] to the Lord High Treasurer, with accounts of invalids resident and non-resident at Chester. He had already been several days in the town hall of the city, from 8 in the morning to 8 at night, stating the debts and paying the invalids and their creditors. It was the most laborious work he had ever undertaken. He had given notice by beat of drum and otherwise to all in the city, to give no credit to the invalids, and had directed one person to subsist them. Dated 10 April 1703.

Also accounts of the invalids referred to, with many curious remarks as to the capabilities, circumstances, and character of the men.

Amongst the items is:—" William Pendeck. Is onely a name that has been kept on the Muster Roulls, noe man in ye company

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ever saw him, and to speak plainly *it is a faggott* to fill up the number and noe effective man."

There is further a petition from the invalids to be allowed 20*s.* a man bounty to enable them to reach their homes.

Also, "List of those names to be p^d^ at London as sent to Mr Aynsworth." 25 *pages.*

April 10. 56. "An accompt of all money rec̃ed by the Earle of Ranelagh for the 10,000 men sent to ye assistance of the States Gen^ll^, anno 1701, or in part of the 1,052,000 given for land service, for the year ending the 24th of Decr 1702, making good treaties, &c., and how the same has been issued or paid out by him, to the 10th of April 1703." 4 *pages.*

April 10. 57. Memorial from the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment to them of 11,077*l.* for discharging what was due at the several outports. Dated 10 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April 12. 58. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the application of Brigadier Lloyd of the dragoons, who served in the expedition to Cadiz, to succeed Brigadier Matthews on the establishment of that expedition. (Matthews died 22 Sept.)

Captn Berry recommended by his Royal Highness to the First Troop of horse, asks to be relieved from his debts, his half-pay amounted to nearly 400*l.*

There were some few officers wounded in last summer's expedition under him. Col. Peirce and Mr. Groves had been considered. There remained only Col. Newson of the guards, L^t^. Tolmash, who was shot through the body at Vigo, and Cornet Dudley of Lloyd's dragoons, who distinguished himself at the head of 40 of the dragoons against 300 or 400 of the enemy, where he lost his horse, was run through the body in two places, and received several wounds in his head, and was stripped of what money he had in his pocket. [This entry *minuted:* "To be considered when the Queen distributes rewards out of ye Vigo booty."]

He desired his Lordship would order the half-pay of Mons. Najac, a reformed cornet of Lord Windsor's regiment.

Further as to respits of guards in room of those sent to Holland.

Dated 12 April 1703.

There are some minutes opposite these entries. There is also a copy of a report of the Earl of Ranelagh and Mr. Blathwayt on the memorial of the Captains of the three troops of Horse Guards. 4 *pages.*

April 12. 59. Letter of W. Atwood to Wm Lowndes, Esq., applying for half a year's salary of the year and a quarter due at Christmas. Dated 12 Apr. 1703. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 12. 60. Memorial of Mr. Blathwayt, Secretary-at-War, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the settlement of his salary. Dated 12 April 1703.

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Minuted:—"Read to ye Q. 19 April 1703. Continue 365*l.* a year & 1000li p ann., but for ye 130li p ann. respitted till my Lord Marlborough comes." 1 *page.*

[? April 12 or 13.] 61. Report of Sir Edw. Northey to the Lord High Treasurer, on the report of the Comrs of Customs, made on the petition of John Gardiner, merchant, viz.: that the petitioner's debts were within the clause of the Act 7 & 8 Will. III. touching compositions. Undated.

The petition,—"An account of losses befallen John Gardner of London, merchant, dureing the present warr with France," and four other papers. 8 *pages.*

April 12. 62. Letter of Mr. Wm Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, with a copy of the state of the account of Dame Ann Stapleton, widow, relict and executrix of Sir William Stapleton, Bart., deceased, late governor in chief of his Majesty's Leeward Caribbee Islands in America, for sums received as well by order of King Charles II. for the fortifications in those islands, as for other profits accruing to his late Majesty, also for disbursements from 1 June 1677 to 25 March 1685. Dated 12 April 1703.

Minuted:—"14 Apr. 1703. Before this acct is declared my Ld will goe over ye articles wth ye Audrs." 7 *pages.*

April 12. 63. *Docquetted*:—Copy of a warrt wth instructions relating to the post office accompts. Dated 12 Apr. 1703.

This consists of,—(1.) A warrant with instructions for making up and passing the accompts of the Post Office and Penny Post Office. (2.) Instructions for the more regular passing the accompts of the General Letter Office or Post Office and Penny Post Office.

Enclosed are (1.) "Post Office instructions." (2.) Two papers headed "Rates of postage" [to various parts of the world]. And, (3.) "Post Office notes," showing who were the classes of persons likely to injure the post office; and various other particulars apparently collected in contemplation of some enactment in relation to the post office. 17¼ *pages.*

April 13. 64. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer. They had observed several very great and dangerous defects in the house where the Excise Office was kept, and desired Mr Banks, Mr Airs, and Mr Wilcox, to make a survey thereof. Their reports induced the Comrs to think that they could not with safety continue therein. Dated 13 April 1703.

Minuted:—"April 13th 1703. The Comrs must see to accomodate themselves in some other place."

The reports mentioned.

With these are (1.), a memorial of Wm Harvey, Esq., landlord of the Excise Office in Broad St, which was taken by the Comrs of Excise in 1691 for 21 years, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, 150*l.* a year having been abated of the rent, the King bearing the repairs; asking to be heard on this agreement before his Lp gave any orders. (2.) The copy of the warrant dated 26 Nov. 1691. The house

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then belonged to Sir Eliab Harvey, and the reduced rent was 350*l.* (3.) Copy of a presentment about the house, wherein the Excise office was kept, delivered 26th Jan. 1698. 450*l.* was then required to be laid out on the house, and it would require 50*l.* a year for repairs. They say they are only tenants at will, and could be furnished with a house much more commodious, where little or no expense would be required, and they asked leave to treat. 6½ *pages.*

April 13. 65. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to embezzlement of plate and cochineal by James Brook, master of the Mary transport. Dated 13 April 1703.

Two letters and another paper relating thereto.

Minuted :—" April 13th. To be brought in when the Com^rs for transports are here." 5 *pages.*

April 13. 66. Copy of presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Edward Ebdon and John Steel, land carriage officers, for recompense for seizing 2,107 dollars and 1,500 ounces of bullion and plate to the value of 1,000*l.*, said to belong to Captain Wyvell, late commander of the ship Barfleur. since condemned in the Admiralty Court. Dated 13 April 1703.

Also their petition. The last minute on this is :—" 31th Oct. 1704. It is reasonable to consider these officers." 2 *pages.*

April 14. 67. The case of Anne Byrche wife of Edward Byrche, serj^t at law, executrix of Dame Jane Fisher, widow, deceased, formerly called Jane Lane, concerning the arrears of the annuity due to the Lady Fisher.

Minuted :—" 14 Apr. 1703. She will be entitled to her proporc̃on of w^t became due in his late Ma^tys reign when others in ye same circumstances are paid." 1 *page.*

April 14. 68. The case of Henry Weeks, post master of Bishop's Stortford in the county of Hertford. He had found out a method of improving the revenues of the post office by establishing a post from Cambridge to Boston on the Humber in Yorkshire. The governors of the post office entered into a treaty for farming this branch to him: one Mr Richd Briggs also applied himself for the said farm. This resulted in a proposed partnership, which Briggs then repudiated. Mr. Brogden, an eminent merchant in London, could give a full account of Briggs' underhand dealing.

Minuted :—" Read 14 Apr. 1703." 1 *page.*

[About April 14.] 69. Representation of the Queen's printers to Mr. Lowndes of the state of their account. In their service they had contracted debts to above 8,000*l.* and if they had not speedy payment they would be utterly ruined. Asking that his lordship might be moved for speedy order.

Minuted :—" 14 Apr. 1703. See w^t is unpaid on ye list y^t was made before his late Ma^ts death." 1 *page.*

[? About April 14. 70. Report of Mr. Philip Ryley, Surveyor Genl of Her Majesty's woods, Trent South [to the Ld High Treasurer], on the petition of John Wormelayton, for permission to grub up a coppice of which he

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was possessor by inheritance, called Rowley coppice, lying in the parish of Thoydon in the forest of Epping, containing about 26 acres, and of which he says the shrubb and wood was much decayed; unless it were grubbed up he could make no profit of it. There was no timber in the coppice, and but very few small young trees in the fences, which he would carefully preserve. There being at present no Justice in Eyre on this side Trent to whom he might have applied, he prayed his honor's leave for the same. The surveyor certifies that he had caused the coppice to be viewed and found the same was thriving, and a very great many young oaks in it; some part of the wood was already cut and many young trees felled, and it being usual on like occasions to consult the Lieutenant and verderers and before any licence was granted to have some certificate that such licence might be granted without prejudice to the game, he ordered his deputy to attend Mr Harvey, the present Lieutenant of the Forest, that he (the surveyor) might receive his opinion concerning the petitioner's request, who as he was informed, was against grubbing up this coppice, it being the best wood on that side the forest for preserving the game, and did not think the verderers would join in a certificate as usual, if it were desired of them, there being but little covert near it. [The upper part torn away.]

Minuted:—"14 Apr. 1703. My Ld cannot grant this contrary to ye opinion of ye officer." 2 *pages.*

[? About 14 April.] 71. "Samuel Edwards's proposal for managing ye office for payment of annuityes," offered to the consideration of the Ld High Treasurer.

His proposal included the making himself manager.

Minuted:—"14 Apr. 1703. The law has lodg'd this matter in ye hande of ye Tellers & my Ld thinks it not advisable to remove it." 1 *page.*

April 14. 72. "Money and Bonds in the hands of the Collectors of some of the most considerable of the out Ports at the end of ye months of Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. and Febr. 1702. Extracted from ye Comptrs Abstrat. 14 Apr. 1704 p G. Ks." 1 *page.*

April 15. 73. "An aocct of money paid by Mr Povey, Treasurer for the sick and wounded, &c., since the 1st of March 1702/3; according to the particulars of this accot." Dated 15 April 1703. 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[? About April 16.] 74. Petition of Jane Browning of the city of Londonderry, widow, to the Honble the Society of the "Governor and Assistants, London," of the new plantation in Ulster within the realm of Ireland. When the inhabitants of Londonderry were besieged and reduced to the extremity of eating horse and dog's flesh, petitioner's husband, Captn Micaia Browning was then in the Lough of Derry, near the city, in the ship Mountjoy (of which he was owner and commander), laden with oatmeal, beef, and other provisions, among the fleet commanded by Major-Genl Kirk; and having obtained permission of the Major-Genl, sailed to the relief of the beseiged; but when between Killmore

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and the city was stopped by the enemy's boom across the river, and was killed by a shot from the enemy; but the ship having broken the boom arrived at the quay of Londonderry, to the unspeakable joy of the distressed people in the city, whereupon the seige was raised. The late King settled a pension on her of 60*l.* per ann., but she had received none of it for nine years: praying for their interest with Her Majesty that she might receive the arrears.

A certificate of the truth of the petition, signed by the mayor and many others. Dated 16 April 1703.

Minuted:—"To be pd so much as is due in ye Queen's time." 2 *pages.*

April 16. 75. Letter of Henry Killigrew to William Lowndes, Esq. His numerous family, and the delays of the Ld Treasurer's directions, made him uneasy. The seasonable 50*l.* which he last received helped him out of expensive lodgings into much cheaper, yet he was left without clothes or any other necessaries, and being lame of the gout and forced to keep his bed, the want of clothes was less troublesome to him than to his poor wife and children, who were in the same condition as to clothes. He says:—"For God sake S^r^ take this into your consideration & prevaile with my Lord Treasurer to remember that I have served forty years as a groom of the King's bedchamber, a place his Lordship once serv'd in, and from thence raised his present fortunes, & that all I pretend to is the pension of five hundred pounds a yeare due to my place, which his Lordship allwaies received 'till his greate merrit gott him better preferment, and which I, of all men, am most rejoyced at, since I am sure he will in his good time see this pention well settled and paid me." Urging haste for his present requirements. Dated 16 April 1703.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. He had Her Ma^ts^ bounty ye other day."

[He had 50*l.* more on 19 May 1703. See *Minute Book,* Vol. 12, p. 93, and a further 50*l.* on 27 July. See *Ib.*, p. 124.] 2 *pages.*

April 16. 76. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, sending the Queen's commands that he should give order to the surveyor of Dover to return 500*l.* seized by him from Captain Gibson, who had received it at Calais to be paid to French prisoners in England. Dated 16 Apr. 1703. 1 *page* 4*to.*

April 17. 77. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Marriot to be admitted to a moderate composition (12*d.* in the pound) for the debt due from him to the crown for duties on tobacco. Dated 17 April 1703.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and five other papers. 7 *pages.*

April 19. 78. Letter of E. Harley to William Lowndes, Esq., sending Auditor Bridges' observations relating to the Earl of Ranelagh's account of the forces [for three years and a half ended at Michaelmas 1695]. It also relates to the accounts of the Earl of Albemarle, Master of the Robes, returned by Mr. Van Huls, his deputy, who were both gone into Holland. Dated 19 April 1703.

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Also another paper of Mr E. Harley, Auditor, as to the progress, &c. in the examination of the Earl of Ranelagh's accounts. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 19. 79. Report of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer as to remission of fine on certain tobacco duties to George Moore, of Arundel, in the co. of Sussex. Dated 19 April 1703.

Also the petition and a certificate.

Minuted :—"To be layd before ye Qu." 4 *pages.*

April 19. 80. Account of money expended for clothing and subsisting two Turks belonging to Algiers, by order of my Lord Nottingham. Dated 19 Apr. 1703. 1 *page and a few lines.*

[About April 19.] 81. Petition of Oliver de la Muce, gentleman usher of the late Queen's privy chamber, and Peter la Touch, governor to her pages of honor. The first had a pension of 200*l.* per ann., and the second of 100*l.* per ann.; praying for arrears, being overwhelmed with debt.

Minuted :—"Read to ye Q. 19 Apr. 1703. Mr Nicholas to certify wt they had on his list." 1 *page.*

[? About April 19.] 82. Petition of James Grahme, Esq., late keeper of the privy purse to the Queen's royal father, and to the Queen. During and before the time he was keeper of the privy purse, the charge of the "healing" was paid out of the same, but it had arisen to a greater sum than formerly, and a privy seal was ordered for the same, upon which was an imprest of 1,200*l.* in petitioner's name; praying for a discharge from that sum, or for a "noli pross."

Minuted :—"Read to ye Q. 19th Apr. 1703. 1,250*l.* imprested to be discharged by a tally." 1 *page.*

April 19. 83. Memorial of Mr W. Whitfeild to the Lord High Treasurer, as to expenses for subsistence of marine regiments. Dated 19 April 1703.

Minuted :—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

April 19. 84. "An accompt of the peices of $\frac{8}{8}$ delivered into the treasury of the Mint by the Comrs for Prizes." Signed "Is. Newton." Dated 19 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April 19. 85. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, as to Mr Wise's estimate for new works to be done in Her Majesty's gardens at Kensington. Dated 19 April 1703. 4 *pages.*

April 19. 86. Letter from Mr Cardonell to Mr Lowndes about clothing to be had from England for the use of the army in Holland, and his observations on Mr Sweet's account. Dated, "Camp before Bon, the 30th April 1703." [N.S., *i.e.* 19 April.] 3 *pages.*

April 20. 87. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of George Muschamp, collector of Peteuxent and

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receiver of Potomac, in Maryland, as to the payment of his salary out of the duty of one penny a pound on tobacco. Dated 20 April 1703.

Minuted :—" Orderd."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

April 22. 88. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Cobb and Richard Cobb, Esq., late Rec^rs General for the county of Southampton and the Isle of Wight of various aids, &c.; recommending allowances to them for conveying various sums to the Exchequer. Dated 22 April 1703.

The petition and the account of the charges. 9 *pages.*

April 23. 89. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr. Phelps, as to lands held by lease from Jasper English, Esq., which lands lay between Her Majesty's meadows at Hampton Court and the Thames. It relates to the barge way, the right to turn cattle on the Queen's meadows, &c. If the meadows and stud were wholly fenced off from the barge way it might be done for 500*l.* [*Minuted* :—" This to be don by Mr Travers."] If his Lordship gave him commands he should take to his assistance some of the ancient tenants of Hampton Court manor and other knowing persons in the neighbourhood, that Mr English might have no more fenced off than he had a right to. Dated 23 Apr. 1703.

The petition referred to, and a certificate of the inhabitants of Hampton Wicke, who held the " aights " or pieces of land adjoining to the Queen's meadows, as to their rights of turning on cattle and mowing there.

Minuted :—" To be layd before ye Queen. Read to ye Queen at St. James's 16 July 1703. The meadows are to be fenced." 5 *pages.*

[? About April 24.] 90. Petition of Nathaniel Hills to the Queen. He had served as major in the English regiment of foot, commanded by Marshal Schomburgh, in the late succours of Portugal, and by his wounds and loss of blood was totally deprived of sight. He had a pension for 28 years, until " the last five years of King William ;" prays for the royal bounty.

Minuted :—" Read 24 Apr^ll 1703."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XII. p. 120, 16 July 1703, is :—" Major Hill. No pen^con, but to be relieved some other way." 1 *page.*

April 24. 91. A joint report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, the officers of the Mint, and of E. Harley, auditor, on papers relating to Mr Redhead, late master and worker of the mint at Norwich; as to three receipts for 2,500*l.* which should have been cancelled, and did not affect Mr Neale's accounts. Dated 24 April 1703.

Minuted :—" Agreed."

Four papers referred to. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[? About April 24.] 92. Petition of Henry Ballowe and John Smith, deputy chamberlains, for joining tallies for a reward for the same.

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Also certificate of Lord Halifax on the same subject. Dated 24 April 1703.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. To be paid as hitherto they have been, but my L^d doth not think it reasonable this expence should be continued on ye Civil List." 2 *pages.*

[? About April 26.] 93. Petition of Heyman Brewer, Isaac Grafort, and Richard "Little Hales," footmen to her late Majesty. They had received their salaries for some time after Her Majesty's death, but were three years in arrear; praying relief.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Apr. 1703. My Lord can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

[? About April 28.] 94. Petition of the clothiers of the English army in Holland to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for four months off reckonings, as they conceived their contracts and assignments had no relation to or dependence upon muster rolls.

Minuted:—"28 Apr. 1703. My L^d will give directions herein, as soon as he has ye acco^t of ye clearings." 1 *page, ink stained.*

April 28. 95. Report of Mr. E. Harley, auditor to the Lord [High Treasurer], containing a state of the Lady Stapleton's account of the two companies in the Leeward Islands. Dated 28 April 1703.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. My Lord doth not think it reasonable for ye Queen to pay this debt." 4 *pages.*

April 28. 96. Presentment of the principal Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending that when ships with any considerable amount of goods were taken, they should be brought to the port of London, as they sold for a fourth, and sometimes a third, less at the out ports. Dated 28 April 1703.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, but the Com^rs of P. are to apply from time to time to the Lord High Adm^ll for sufficient convoy for their security." 1 *page.*

April 28. 97. Letter of William Borrett to William Lowndes, Esq., enclosing a petition of Capt. Edmund D'Oyly, commander of the ship Deal Castle, as to stay of proceedings against him, as there was great reason to believe that the information laid against him by Thomas Hog, a cook, was out of malice. Dated 28 April 1703.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 30. 98. Report of the Com^rs of Excise on the letter of Mr. Norton, a justice of the peace for Suffolk, as to a fraudulent concealment of malt by Mr. Audley, a gentleman in Suffolk. Dated 30 April 1703.

Minuted:—"4 May 1703. Read."

Also the letter. 5½ *pages.*

April 30. 99. Memorial of Sydney Godolphin, Auditor of Wales, to the Ld High Treasurer, as to moneys received by Mr. Chetwynd, deputy of the late Auditor of Wales, and as to his unnecessary employment of certain pursuivants or messengers for dispersing proclamations through the principality of Wales.

Enclosed are copies of two warrants.

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Minuted:—"Let the former minutes relating to ye auditor's fee of 6*l*. 2*s*. be looked out."

There is besides, a duplicate of the above memorial. Dated 30 April 1703, with the answers of Mr. Chetwind. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 30. 100. Earl of Ranelagh's memorial concerning what is due to clear Brigadier Seymour's regiment to the 24th of December 1702, and the Danish subsidies. Dated 30 April 1703. 1 *page.*

April. 101. Memorial of Charles Fox, Esq., and Thomas Lord Coningsby, paymasters of Ireland, relating to the fees on passing their accounts. Dated April 1703.

Minuted:—"Respited." 1 *page.*

April. 102. Memorial of Sir John Stanley, Warden of Her Majesty's Mint, accompanied by bills for the charge of prosecuting several false coiners, &c.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. To be borne out of ye forfeitures of clippers & coyners;" *and again*: "30 June 1703. Issue ye mony to Mr Borrett & direct him to pay these bills." 8 *pages.*

April. 103. Letter from Col. Quary as to provisions to be supplied to Jamaica. A fatal accident had happened at Port Royal, Jamaica, which was destroyed by fire, and not three houses left standing in the town. For bread, flour, pork, rice, and peas, no part of England could afford better; but for beef they could not compare with England. Dated Philadelphia, April 1703. 3 *pages.*

[? About April.] 104. Instructions for the Controller General of all accounts relating to Her Majesty's forces (those in Ireland excepted.) 2¼ *pages.*

May 1. 105. Order in Council upon a memorial of the Lord High Admiral, appointing 5/8 of the salvage on retaking a Dutch ship by Sir Thomas Hardy, of H.M. ship Pembroke, to the officers and crew. Dated 1 May 1703. 1½ *pages.*

May 1. 106. Certificate of Michael Johnson, Esq., mayor of the city of Chester, and John Twiddall, captain of the company of invalids quartered in that city, that Peter Shakerley, Esq., Governor of the city and castle of Chester, had paid the quarterers of that company, &c. Dated 1 May 1703.

Also a list of the names and the amounts paid. 3½ *pages.*

May 3. 107. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Henry Thomas, who had been a commissioned officer near 40 years, and had a pension of 4*s*. a day, which had been stopped. In the year 1654 he had been confined 12 months close prisoner by Cromwell; he was a fit object for the pension. The petition and a letter in his favour by the Earl of Rochester. Dated 3 May 1703.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen at St James's 16 July 1703. Her Maty will not grant his request for a pencon, but a bounty some other way." 5 *pages.*

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May 3. 108. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes as to a bill for 10,000*l.* on the Earl of Ranelagh, which had long lain under protest. The Duke of Marlborough commanded him to acquaint Mr Lowndes that the bill was drawn by the Ld Treasurer's own directions. His grace desired it might be represented in the most favourable light to his Lordship, that the money might be issued. Dated, Camp before Bonn ye 14 May 1703 [*i.e.* 3 May.]

There is the following P.S.: "I congratulate with you upon our good success. This news I hope will produce the 10,000li" 1 *page, quarto.*

May 3 and 4. 109. Two memorials of Mr W. Whitfeild to the Ld High Treasurer as to the computation of the muster rolls of the regiments, &c. of Fox, Villiers, Shannon, Holt and Saunderson; and as to what was due to them. Dated 3 and 4 May 1703. 2 *pages.*

[? About May 4.] 110. "An Accompt of the abuses in the Customs in ye northern ports, vizt Newcastle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Stockton, Whitby, Berwick, &c." With suggestions for doing away with the same.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak with the Comrs of the Customes 4th May 1703. Read." 2 *pages.*

May 4. 111. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petitions of James Gendrault, Esq., and Mr Robert Baden, security for Mr John Allen, late cashier for the Bank of Charity for indigent officers of excise, who was guilty of fraud. Dated 4 May 1703.

Also the two petitions.

Minuted:—"4th May 1703. The petn is dismist." 4 *pages.*

May 4. 112. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of John Grocer, cornfactor, as to proceedings at law against him for bills of exchange. Advising that the bills, &c. ought not to be given up. Dated 4 May 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"4 May 1703. My Lord agrees with the report." 3 *pages.*

May 4. 113. Report of the same to the same, as to a house of Mr. Frederick* in the Old Jury, with a little house adjoining, well situate for their occasion, which with some little alteration might be made a very commodious and convenient office. It was offered at 296*l.* per ann.; asking directions to be allowed to make the agreement. Dated 4 May 1703.

Also a letter from them to Mr. Lowndes on the same subject.

Minuted:—"4 May 1703. The Comrs to consider what recompence is reasonable to be given to Mr Harvey, and to treat with Mr Frederick." 2 *pages.*

May 5. 114. Proposal of John Cressett of the Inner Temple, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, viz., to discover above 5,000*l.* worth of the estate of James Smyth, of Nibley, Gloucestershire, gent., who

* [This Mr. Frederick gave the name to Frederick Place, Old Jewry. See *Cunningham's Hand-book of London*, edit. 1850, p. 191.]

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barbarously murdered Jarvis Clough, of the same place, gentleman, and to assist in the recovery of the same, upon reasonable allowance. Dated 5 May 1703.

Minuted:—"5 May 1703. To be laid before ye Queen for her Mats pleasure, together wth ye peticon of Geo. Smyth." 1 *page.*

May 5. 115. Petition of John Lansdowne, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying the passing of a lease of certain coal mines, in a piece of waste ground called the Barrow, in the parish of Stratton upon the Fosse, in the county of Somerset. The tenants of the manor who had common in the waste, by George Long, Esq., had lately petitioned his Lordship for a lease.

Also, "Mr Long's case before my Lord Treasurer. May ye 5th 1703."

[See other particulars of this property, Vol. XLIII., No. 45. Feb. 22, 1696–7.] 2 *pages.*

May 5. 116. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, sending copies of the contract with Mr Nathaniel Gould and Mr Urban Hall, for the importation of pitch and tar. Dated 5 May 1703.

The copy referred to. 4 *pages.*

May 5. 117. "Memorial about taxes for Knowle grove," in the parish of Egham. It shows also what was due for the poor rate. Dated May 5 1703.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. Orderd." 1 *small page, quarto.*

May 6. 118. Report of the Lord Ranelagh on the petition of Her Majesty's four "household drums," praying for 240*l.* due to them. Dated 6 May 1703.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. My Ld dos not think these arrears are due, or ought to be p̃d."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

May 8. 119. Letter from Baron Dalez to the Lord [High Treasurer]. He had come from Ireland by Her Majesty's orders to afford her information, but he could not stay longer in this city than to make his petition, and besides, he had not any means of living but "une pention de trante sous." Lord Nottingham had told him that he had spoken to his Highness, and that he would take good care of his circumstances. Lord Nottingham had ordered him to hold himself in readiness if the Queen wished to employ him. He needed money to obey Her Majesty's orders. Dated at London, 8 May 1703. (French.)

Minuted:—"11th May 1703. Le Baron Dalez. To have 20li to carry him back to Ireland. Paid eod̃ die." 2 *pages, quarto.*

May 8. 120. Report of the Agents of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Charlotte and Elizabeth Ma[i]nwaring, daughters of Sir John Mainwaring, Baronet, deceased; as to delivery of a mortgage of lands in Flintshire to them. Dated 8 May 1703.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. A warrt for this."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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May 8. 121. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer. He had moved the Queen upon the enclosed paper received from Mr Methuen concerning his employment in Portugal, and his expenses therein. Her Majesty desired his Lordship to consider what should be allowed. Dated 8 May 1703.

Minuted:—"Compute what ambrs have for equipage. What entert[ainment] as ambr would come to for ye time."

Lower down is:—"The allowces to ambassrs are 1,500li for equipage, & 100li a week for their ordina enterteinmt, accordg to wch there is due to Mr. Methuen—

For equipage - - - -	1,500li
The old enterteinmt of 100*l.* p week from 18 June 1702 to ye 20th of Aprill last, being 44 weeks (wanting 2 days) - -	4,000
	5,900

Enclosed are the petition to Her Majesty, and another to the Ld High Treasurer.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 12, p. 93, 19 May 1703, is:—"Mr Methuens memoriall for allowance as ambassadr to Portugall; with a note of what was allowed to Sr Richd Fanshaw, who was sent thither in the year 1661. Allow him the ordry enterteinmt of an ambassadr, but no equipage, and my Lord to speak wth him abt his other expences."

Again, p. 94:—"The Queen allows Mr Methuin 10li a day & 700l extra. No equipage."

p. 116:—"2,000li out of sec. service mo. to be pd to Mr Methwyn for so much by him expended in Portugal by her Mats particular direction."

p. 143,—4 Nov. 1703: "2,000li to Mr W. Methwyn on 23 instant upon his brothers bill, for so much pd by him by her Mats order in Portugal." 3 *pages.*

10 May. 122. Letter signed H. Speke to the Ld. [High Treasurer], complaining that Mr Borritt had not done him right in his report, and asking for a few words with his Lordship. Dated 10 May 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 11 May 1703. The Queen (having had noe part of this money) is noe way concerned to enquire concerning it." 1 *page.*

May 10. 123. A state of the account of Mr Wm Hubbald, Paymaster of the late Train of Artillery, fitted out to reduce Ireland in the year 1689; being a copy of the state formerly sent in by him, with his observations thereon. Dated 10 May 1703. Signed "Exr p B. Bridges audm."

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. Write to ye Duke of Ormond that his Grace will give directions for ye transmitting all ye accots & vouchers yt relate to Mr Hubbalds accot." 1 *page and two or three lines.*

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May 10. 124. "The Navy Board's report about the interest of tallys delivered to the Navy." Dated 10 May 1703. 2 *pages.*

May 10. 125. Letter of Sir Cloudsley Shovell to the Earl of Nottingham, as to the delivery of 2,000*l.* for contingencies.

Minuted :—"Orderd 12th : out of ye money advd on ye tallys for wear & tare, notwthstandg ye formr direction for applying it to yt use."

Further acquainting his Lordship, that he did not find in the printed book of treaties of peace and commerce, any other treaties or agreements with the Government of Barbary, than those ratified by Sr Wm Soame with "Argiers," and Thomas Godwin and Nathl Loddington consuls with Tunis and Tripoli in 1686. Dated 10 May 1703. 1 *page.*

May 11. 126. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, sending a presentment from them as to such transport ships as had not delivered the goods, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 11 May 1703.

The presentment mentioned, and an account.

Minuted :—"Read 12 May. My Lord doth not think it reasonable to give any directions in this matter, ye Lord High Admiral having orderd a stop to be made." 8 *pages.*

[? About May 12.] 127. Letter signed "Abr. Man" to the Lord High Treasurer, giving a relation of his connection with the Excise Office in a subordinate capacity; in which office, as he lost his interest, he did not obtain his promotion as he expected: asking for other employment.

Minuted :—"12 May 1703. To be read when ye Comrs of Excise are here." 1 *page.*

[About May 12.] 128. A paper entitled :—"The Countess of Sussex's case." On the treaty of marriage between the Earl of Sussex (then Lord Dacres) and the Countess, King Charles II. promised to create his Lordship Earl of Sussex, and give him 20,000*l.* as a marriage portion with the Countess. The Earl was to settle 3,000*l.* per ann. on the Countess for her jointure, and 600*l.* per ann. for pin money. [It relates other circumstances arising out of this arrangement.] The portion was not paid, and the Earl was encumbered. The Earl preferred a bill in Parliament and sent to the Countess in France for her consent, but she refused, as it might divest herself and children of their interest in the estate. The Earl increased his debt to near 40,000*l.* in the absence of the Countess, and to help him she joined in several fines to bar herself of her dower, and about three years before she joined in a fine to take up more money on the estate in Kent. The estate was settled on trustees to discharge the debts and raise 6,000*l.* apiece for the two daughters and 5,000*l.* for the Countess, but nothing was done, and the interest would eat up the estate. The Countess prays that when the 20,000*l.*, or part thereof, should be paid, it might go to liquidate

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the debts on the "early estate," prior to the provision for the daughters portions, or to provide for the daughters portions.

"Read 12 May 1703."

[See also two previous entries in the Calendar as to these affairs. Vol. LVIII. 48, and LXXVIII. No. 1.] 2 *pages.*

May 12. 129. Certificate of the sums due and payable to the Barons of the Court of Exchequer for fees and allowances. Signed:—"S. Godolphin." Dated 12 May 1703. 1 *page.*

May 12. 130. Petition of some of the tenants of Kirton Soke, in behalf of themselves and the other tenants, to the Ld High Treasurer, for a time for hearing their case, which seems to have related to the past and present under-stewards.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. In Mich's Terme when ye gentlemen are all here."

With 12 signatures. 1 *page.*

[About May 12.] 131. Petition of Mr John Holbech to the Ld High Treasurer, as to his allowance of 50*l.* per annum, which he had received whilst Doctor Richards and the Ld Edw. Russell were successively Treasurers of the Chamber.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. My Ld. doth not think fit to allow this."

Also a letter and a certificate in his favour. Dated 20 April 1703. 3 *pages.*

[About May 12.] 132. Case of the English merchants trading to Spain, in regard to recognition of their claims in the Admiralty Court, for their losses on "board the Flota."

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. The Court is open to receive any proof y^t^ is legal."

Also the petition of Her Majesty's subjects, the Spanish merchants, praying that proofs might be taken in the High Court of Admiralty, to make out what effects they had on board the "Flota" at Vigo. 3 *pages.*

[About May 12.] 133. Petition of Peter Persehouse, Sergeant-at-Arms attending the House of Peers, for his usual allowance of 10*s.* a day for his disbursements and attendance in the service of the House.

Also a certificate and an affidavit relating thereto.

Minuted:—"12 May 1703. Order'd." 3 *pages.*

[About May 12.] 134. Report of William Vanbrugh, Esq., on the petition of Anne Morris. Her husband, Richard Morris, had done several services by order of the Secretary of State, as a messenger, and Richard Poyke, Clerk of the Cheque, did not produce his account in order that the fraudulent matter therein might not appear.

Referred to Mr Vanburgh 12 May 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704 the 35^li^ 19^s^ to be paid out of arrears."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 13. 135. Representation by the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the imperfect state of the accounts from Ports-

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mouth; advising that one of their board should go there to perform what was necessary, and should be allowed 40*s.* a day and 10*s.* for a clerk. Dated 13 May 1703. 1 *page.*

May 14. 136. Report of Mr William Borrett to the Ld High Treasurer, upon the office of Coroner and Attorney in the Court of Queen's Bench at Westminster; finding that it was a patent office and wholly in the disposal of Her Majesty. The last patent was for Sir Thomas Fanshaw, Sr Samuel Astry, and William Mathews. One was dead, another eighty, and Sir Samuel Astry very antient and incapable of executing the office. Dated 14 May 1703.

Also the copy of the patent. 2 *pages* (*one brief size*).

May 14. 137. Copy of the Queen's advocate and counsel's opinion about the demand of the Flag Officers upon prizes taken by the Queen's ships under their command. Dated 14 May 1703. 1 *page.*

May 14. 138. A memorandum for the Lord High Treasurer, as to a warrant for the pay of the Earl of Orkney and Major General Ingoldesby. Dated 14 May 1703. 1 *page, 4to.*

May 15. 139. Ea. of Ranelagh and Mr Blathwayt's Report on the memorial of Mr Thrale relating to the 4 companies at New York. Dated 15 May 1703.

Also the memorial and the answer of John Champante to Mr Thrale's memorial. 5½ *pages.*

May 17. 140. Petition of some of the Tenants of Kirton Soke in behalf of themselves and other the tenants there, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a short day to be appointed for hearing their case, or that it might be referred to Mr Auditor Shales. Dated 17 May 1703. 1 *page.*

May 18. 141. Proposal of Abel Slany, citizen and woolen draper of London, for himself and partners, to the Ld High Treasurer, viz. to coin seven hundred tons of copper halfpence and farthings in seven years; paying to Her Majesty a fine of 5,000*l* and a rent of 1,000*l.* per ann. Dated 18 May 1703.

Also copy of Votes of the House of Commons in relation to a former coinage on which they had been engaged.

Minuted:—"25 May 1703. My Lord will speak with ye Officers of the Mint when here." 3 *pages.*

[? About May 19.] 142. Letter of K. Hastings widow of Brigadier Hastings, to the Lord [High Treasurer], asking his Lp to prevail with her Majesty to bestow her charity on her, that the unfortunate relict of a man, who had spent his whole life in the service, might not be left to starve, &c. She also asks for payment of a year's sallary due to her husband.

There are divers memoranda at the back, the last is this *Minute:*—"30 June 1703. A new lre to Mr Blathwt to prepare a warrt for 150li to ye wido of Brigdr Hastings."

There is also a certificate of the death of the Brigadier. 2½ *pages, 4to.*

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May 19. 143. Letter from Mr Burchell to Mr Lowndes. Orders would be sent to Sir Cloudesley Shovell for the reception on one of the ships of his squadron of Mr Goslin, his clerk, and two servants. Dated 19 May 1703. 1 *page*, 4*to*.

May 19. 144. Presentments from the Comrs for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the sending of one of their board with the squadron under the command of Sir Cloudesley Shovell. They would appoint a Comr as Agent for Prizes. They had likewise appointed Mr Terrill as Agent for Prizes at Lisbon, and Sir Lambert Blackwell at Leghorn, Genoa, and Porto Venere. Dated 19 May 1703.

Also "An abstract of the Instructions given to Wm Window, Esq., Agent for Prizes to attend the squadron," &c.

Minuted:—"19 May 1703. Agreed & Mr Goslin will goe, and upon his returne my Lord will consider his service, & give him allowance for himselfe & his clerk. Desire the Prince's counsel to write to Sir Cloudesley Shovel to entertain Mr. Goslyn, his clerk, & 2 servants on board the fleet." 2¼ *pages*.

May 19. 145. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing for his consideration and report the case of Elizabeth Barker, widow, who was daughter of Hugh Peters. Dated 19 May 1703.

The case referred to. Her father was executed for high treason, and she prays for a patent to pass to her for the lands formerly her father's in New England. 2 *pages*, 4*to*.

May 20. 146. The opinion of Sir Edw. Northey, viz., that if the grant to Duke of Devonshire in the house near St James's (where the late Duchess of Mazarine lived) were in trust for the Duchess, she being an alien, and that were found by inquisition, her Majesty would be entitled to that trust," &c. Dated 20 May 1703.

Also "Memoirs concerning the title to the late Duchess of Mazarine's house at St James's."

Minuted:—"Write to Mr Attor. to make forth his warrt to ye Clerk of the Petty bag for a Comission accordingly." 3½ *pages*.

May 20. 147. Memorial from the Comrs for sick and wounded to the Lord High Treasurer, for the issue of money to carry on that service. Dated 20 May 1703.

Minuted:—"25th May 1703. To be brought in when the Comrs of sick and wounded attend." 2½ *pages*.

May 20. 148. An Estimate of the charge of the Spanish alliance and expedition Packet Boats for Lixboa for one year. Marked Estimate 1.

Minuted:—"To be read when the Postmars attend."

Also, "An Estimate of the charge for one year of a Packet boat between Falmo and Lixboa to be of ye burden of 160 tons 35 men and 14 guns."

Both dated 20 May 1703 and signed E. Dummer. 2 *pages*.

May 23. 149. Letter signed Geo. Churchill to the Lord [High Treasurer], A rich French East India ship had been sent in by Sir Geo. Rooke,

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(taken by the Medway,) urging that she should be sent round to the Thames. Dated Portsmouth Dock, 23 May 1703.

Minuted:—"If the Com^rs of Prizes thinke it adviseable they are to loose no time in making their application to ye Ad^ty for orders to bring her about." 1 *page*.

May 24. 150. The opinion of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Dame Jane Milbanks and Francis Anderson, and also on the report of the Com^rs of Excise thereon, and further on hearing the counsel for the petitioners and for Dr Nicholas Brady, as to a debt of 1572*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, which remained a charge on Sir Henry Brabant for the arrear of his farm of excise of the counties of Durham and Northumberland, &c., ended in 1668. Dated 24 May 1703.

The petition and report referred to. 11 *pages*.

May 25. 151. Copy of Mr Wm Lowndes' letter to Mr Twitty on the petition of Samuel Edwin, Esq., Usher of the Receipt of the Exchequer, as to payment for necessaries furnished to Lottery Offices. Dated 25 May 1703. ½ *page*.

May 25. 152. Letter from Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes, enclosing for the Lord High Treasurer a memorial from Mr Walters, controller for the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty, in relation to indirect proceedings in carrying on a trade with the enemy. Dated Admiralty Office, 25 May 1703.

The memorial is not now with it. 1 *page, quarto*.

May 25. 153. Letter from Mr Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a saving of 4,200*l.* per ann. that might be effected in the Post Office for the commerce with Lisbon, communicated at the desire of the Post Masters General. Dated 25 May 1703. 1 *page*.

May 25. 154. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing an extract of a letter from Sir Cloudesley Shovell relating to the imprest money (2,000*l.*) for the contingencies of the squadron.

He continues, "The person who discovered Daniel Fooe (for whom a reward of 50*l.* was promised in the Gazette) sends to me for his mony, but dos not care to appear himself; if therefore your Lop̃ will order that summe to be paid to Mr Armstrong, I will take care that the person shall have it who discover'd the said Fooe, & upon whose information he was apprehended." Dated May 25, 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 26th May 1703. 50^li out sec. ser. to be p^d to Mr Armstrong for apprehending Mr Fooe, and Sr Cloudesley Shovell's extract to be sent to ye Trẽar. of ye Navy."

There is also a letter from Mr Lowndes forwarding the extract mentioned to the Treasurer of the Navy. 3 *pages*.

May 27. 155. Proposal of Mr Henry Furnese to the Lord High Treasurer as to the rate at which he would remit 100,000*l.* Dated 27 May 1703. 1 *page*.

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May 27. 156. Estimate of the Officers of the Board of Works as to repairing and shelling the Mall in St James's Park. Dated 27 May 1703.
Minuted :—" 3 June 1703. To be laid before the Queen. Order'd to be don ye cheapest of ye two ways propos'd." 1 *page.*

May 27. 157. " An estimate of the charge of fixing the boom at St Johns Harbour in Newfoundland, directed by Her Majtie to be taken care of by this office, as is signified by my Lord Nottingham's letter of the 24th present, according to ye demand of Mr John Roope, recommended by ye Lords Comissioners of Trade by their letter of ye 14th present, as a fit person to undertake the same, and agreed with for doing thereof." Dated 27 May 1703. 1½ *pages.*

May 27. 158. Memorial of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer. They had received a letter from Mr Burchett, enclosing another from Sir Cloudesley Shovell, touching his share of prizes taken by ships of war under his command. They conceived themselves obliged to act on the sentence of the Judge of the Admiralty Court, &c. Dated 27 May 1703.
The copy of the letter mentioned and a duplicate thereof.
Minuted :—" My Lord thinks the Comrs of Prizes are to proceed according to ye Queen's Declaration in this matter." 7½ *pages.*

May 28. 159. Letter of Ralph Blackhall to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to a complaint against him by one Edward Morse, and as to what Mr Castleton had said about him. The writer had been collector of Her Majesty's penny post office, and charged Mr Castleton with mismanagement, and the latter and Mr Darnelly gave him threatening, scurrilous, and opprobrious language, and Mr Castleton threatened he would do his business, &c. Seeks a full hearing. Dated 28 May 1703.
In continuation are the charges against the writer and his replies thereto. 3 *pages.*

May 28. 160. Letter of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for directions whether foreigners in amity with Her Majesty and Her Majesty's subjects of Scotland (who in many respects are esteemed as foreigners) were comprehended in his Lordship's order, which made it compulsory on masters of ships going to Europe to give bond to return to no other ports than therein mentioned. Dated 28 May 1703.
Also the printed form of the bond.
Minuted :—" My Lord thinks it ought not to be extended further than to Her Mats subjects. A lre from my Lord to that purpose, but if they think it necess. to extend ye order further, to obteyne ye end designed by ye counsel, they must represent it." 2 *pages.*

May 28. 161. A brief state of the account of Sir Thomas Cuddon, Knt., deceased, late Recr General for the sixth year's duty on houses ended at Lady-day 1702 in London, Westminster, and Middlesex.
Similar brief state of the 3*s.* aid 1701., the capitation 1697, and duties on marriages, 1702.
Examined by auditors 28 May 1703.

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Also an account of what wards, parishes, and divisions are in arrear upon the 4th iijs aid." 7 *pages.*

May 28. 162. Letter of Mr Wm Popple to William Lowndes, Esq., as to clothing to be sent customs free to the "company" at Newfoundland. Dated 28 May 1703. 1 *page, 4to.*

May 29. 163. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer. He had considered the letter from the collectors of the land tax at Hampton Court, and found that Mr Young for divers years was assessed for the house park at Hampton Court, to the value of 65*l.* per ann., and for the meadows adjoining 115*l.* He took the premises to be in the Queen's possession, being chiefly used for a stud or breeding of horses, and it seemed to him that Her Majesty was liable to pay the tax for the same, as she did for her other demesne lands and rents. Dated 29 May 1703.

Minuted:—"45 16 3 to be pd. out of secret service. Paid to the collrs 45 16 3 on 5th Aug. 1703." 2 *pages.*

May 29. 164. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes. They had proceeded with all the despatch that was possible in the sale of prizes, and to pay the captors their shares, as soon as the accounts of the several ships could be made up.

They sent a particular, which showed the sums and the reasons they were not paid; the officers of the outports had contributed to the delays. The great sum was on the sale of the Vigo goods, which had been very lately paid. They were of opinion that 30,000*l.* might forthwith be paid to the captors. They prayed that they might have a list from the Navy Board, by which the payments should be made, according to Her Majesty's declaration. Dated 29 May 1703.

Also the particular above referred to.

Minuted:—"Send an extract to ye Comrs of the Navy and direct them to returne lists put, &c." 3½ *pages.*

May 31. 165. The opinion of Sir Simon Harcourt, Solicitor General, as to how the admiral should make it appear that prizes were taken under his flag, so as to entitle him to his share, and to justify the Comrs of Prizes in paying him, viz., that the Comrs would be sufficiently justified by the certificate of the council of the Lord Admiral in paying the eighth part to Sir Cloudesley Shovell. Dated 31 May 1703.

Minuted:—"2 June 1703. If any flagg officer thinks himself aggreived by Her Mats declaracon concerning the distribution of prizes, he must apply to Her Maty in Councill." 1 *page.*

May 31. 166. Letter from the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the fall in the revenues of Ireland, which his lordship had taken notice of, was occasioned by frauds and clandestine practices between the merchants and subordinate officers of the revenues, as well as for want of due control. They attribute the fall to the influence of the war, the expiration of duties, and the great deadness of trade. Dated 31 May 1703.

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Two or three documents which should have accompanied are not now with it. 2 *pages (ink-stained)*

May 31. 167. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer on a complaint made by Edward Morse against Francis Golling and Ralph Blackhall, late collectors in the Penny Post Office. The complainant could not in any respect make good his charge. Dated 31 May 1703.

Enclosing two papers. 3¼ *pages.*

May 31. 168. Report of the same to the same, on the account of Mr Ralph Blackhall, collector of the Penny Post Office. Dated 31 May 1703.

Annexed is a paper on the same subject and a list of errors in the account.

Minuted:—"Read 1 June 1703. My Lord having read this report and Mr Blackhall's paper, doth think that Sir Robert C. & Sir Th. Franckland are the proper persons to examine & allow or disallow any articles in his accot, & direct him to give them his answer to ye particular excepcons by the 8th instant." 4 *pages.*

May. 169. Docquet for a warrant in favour of Thomas Hewet, Esq., Surveyor General of Woods north of Trent, for payment of verderers, &c. in lieu of fee-trees usually paid to them by sale of woods. Dated May 1703. 1 *page.*

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June 1. 1. Letter of Benjamin Sweet to Mr Lowndes, sending an abstract more at large of his accounts than one which had preceded, viz., of all his receipts and payments to the 24th of December 1702, during Lord Ranelagh's time, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Rotterdam, $\frac{12}{1}$ June 1703.

Also the account, and a "List of the Forces already provided towards making up the augmentation of 20,000 men between England and Holland." 12½ *pages.*

June 2. 2. Letter of Mr Peter Killigrew to the same. The limits or districts of the port of Falmouth in Cornwall, about 25 years before, were settled by commission out of the Exchequer, as in such cases the law directed. The town of Penrin, adjoining the port, was making interest for reducing those limits to what they of that town called their ancient privileges. If the Lord High Treasurer were apprized of the ill consequences thereof to the revenue, he would infallibly put a stop to it. Asks to be heard before anything was done. Dated Ludlow, 2 June 1703.

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Minuted:—"My Lord will speak to ye Com^rs of ye Customs tomorrow." 1½ *pages.*

[There is a long entry of the hearing of this case on 15 Nov. 1703 in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XII. pp. 148–151, containing a good deal of information as to Falmouth.]

June 2. 3. Memorial of John Cressett, of the Inner Temple, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. He had laid a proposal before his Lordship to make a discovery of 5,000*l.* of the estate of James Smith, of Nibly, in the county of Gloucester, gent., forfeited for a barbarous murder of Jervice Clough, of the same place, gentleman. Memorialist faithfully served King Charles II. and the late King James, and spent above 1,000*l.* of his own money therein, and received no recompense; praying for Her Majesty's and his Lordship's favour therein. Dated June 2, 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 8 June 1703. Respited." 1 *page.*

[? About June 3.] 4. Letter signed "Hen. Thomas" to the Lord [High Treasurer], asking him to lay his hard case before Her Majesty. He had often hazarded his life for the defence of the church and state. In the year 54 he was made close prisoner by Cromwell for 12 months, when Sir Charles Littleton was also confined. He was concerned in Sr George Boothes' attempt, and in most of the undertakings for His Majesty's restoration. King James had that regard for him, that he was the only officer turned out by the Lord Tirconnell (being the first on his black list) that was restored by His Majesty. At the death of King Charles his circumstances were such, that he did not think fortune could make him so miserable, occasioned by his great losses sustained by the revolution. He expected when his case was referred to Lord Rochester that provision would have been made for him. He was 70 years old, and usually four months in the year confined by gout; prays his L^ps protection to an old suffering cavalier. His pension was 4*s.* a day on Lord Ranelagh's establishment, and was above six years in arrear.

Minuted:—"3 June 1703. To be laid before ye Q. 'Captain Thomas.'" 1 *page.*

June 3. 5. Copies of the Attorney and Solicitor Generals' opinions concerning the oath ad valorem (Customs). The last date is June 3, 1703. 4 *pages.*

June 3. 6. Representation by W. Whitfeild to the Ld High Treasurer as to subsistence of Brigadier Seymour's regiment, six companies of which were going to sea and the other six remained in garrison at Plymouth. Dated 3 June 1703. 1 *page.*

[About June 3.] 7. Memorial of Captain William Stevenage to the Lord High Treasurer as to his pay for doing duty as adjutant to the Coldstream regiment of guards.

Minuted:—"Read 3 June 1703." 1 *page.*

June 3. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer], touching some goods under seizure at Falmouth, imported in Mr Dummer's sloop from the West Indies. Dated 3 June 1703.

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Minuted:—"3 June 1703. The goods now stopt to be deliver'd upon giving moderate satisfaction to the officers."

A letter on the same subject from the Post Masters General. 2 *pages.*

June 3. 9. Report of the Com^rs of Customs on the petition of John Dutton Colt, Esqre, late collector of the port of Bristol, asking for an allowance for remitting Exchequer bills. Dated 3 June 1703.

The petition referred to.

Minuted:—"9th June 1703. Read, and to be considered."

Again:—"100^li out of incid^ts." 3 *pages.*

June 3. 10. "An extract of the respective journals of the three sloops. namely, the Bridgman, Mansbridge, and King William, shewing the dispatches of each of their first voyages from England to the islands in the West Indies, their times of stay at each island, and their times being at sea, or sailing from one place to the other, till they returned to England again." Dated 3 June 1703. 1 *page.*

[About June 3.] 11. Petition of Thomas Blackmore, Esq., late sheriff of the county of Hertford, to the Lord High Treasurer for the allowance of 24*l.* 12*s.* 8¾*d.* overpaid on his account, he having paid 80*l.* to Leonard Broadneck and others for apprehending William Jenkyns and Susannah Mills, robbers on the highway.

Certificate of the Deputy Clerk of the Pipe in corroboration thereof. Dated 3 June 1703. 2 *pages.*

June 4. 12. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh and Mr William Blathwayt on the pay due to Col. Ingoldsby, captain of one of the companies in New York. Lord Cornbury, Governor of New York, had reported that the four companies in the province were in want of arms, and that they ought to be made good by the officers. A deduction of about 30*l.* from his pay should be made if the pay were ordered.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 2 *pages.*

June 7. 13. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, with Mr Morley's account of the East India ship called the Star of the East, as to a survey to be made thereof, being as they hoped of great value. Dated 7 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Write to them to cause a survey to be taken & to move the prince's Counsel to appoint some person or persons to be joyned wth them." 2½ *pages.*

June 7. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the draft of a warrant for the 5 per cent. arising by the sale of East India goods to the English Company trading to the East Indies. Dated 7 June 1703.

Also the draft.

Minuted:—"9th June 1703. Approved." 3½ *pages.*

June 7. 15. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, about the first payment of the Vigo booty. Dated 7 June 1703. 1 *page, quarto.*

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June 7. 16. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes relating to the respites on Colonel Lloyd's dragoons, with copy of a letter sent by him to Mr. Blathwayt on the subject. He concludes :—" We are waiting here to see what Mons. Coehorn will do in Flanders or Braband, but he moves so very slowly and with so little life, that it gives me but a melancholy prospect of the rest of our campagne." Dated, " Camp att Hameff [?] 18 June 1703." [? N.S.] 3½ *pages.*

June 8. 17. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the Memorial of William Harvey, Esqre. The lease of the Excise Office was taken at a rent of 500*l.* some short time after the Fire of London in 1666, when the rents of houses that escaped the fire (among which the house wherein the Excise Office was kept was one) were considerably advanced ; but upon expiration of the lease the city being rebuilt, the rents of houses were considerably fallen and an abatement was made to 350*l.* per ann. For various reasons they advise against laying out 2,000*l.* on the house with a reduction of 50*l.* on the rent, as suggested by Mr. Harvey, and as they could not agree to Mr Harvey's terms, they had contracted with Mr Frederick for a lease for 21 years of his house at 260*l.* per ann., and a small house adjoining for the cashier at 36*l.* per ann. Dated 8 June 1703.

The memorial referred to. 3½ *pages.*

June 8. 18. Report of the Officers of Works on Mr Henry Wises's estimate of works to be performed in St James's Park ; " as new cutting and makeing ye canall 12 foot wider, to fill up all ye ground worne away, and new wharfeing ye same ; repairing ye graits & 66 sluces and new makeing severall bridges, repairing ye great shoare and new makeing of ye great pond next ye wilderness, cleanseing ye mudd out, and useing it to ye improvement of ye park, new gravelling ye coach road, making new seats for ye use of ye parke, & repaireing ye mall." The Report is dated 8 June 1703.

Minuted :—" 8 June 1703. Mr. Wise is to proceed in these works." 2½ *pages.*

June 8. 19. Petition of Benjamin Lodington, Esq., Her Majesty's Consul at Tripoli, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of three quarters of a year's salary, and 460*l.* disbursed.

Minuted :—" 8 June 1703. The ordry to be paid in a convenient time, but my Lord thinks the extrys unreasonable to be allowed." 1 *page.*

June 8. 20. Copy of Mr Lowndes letter to the Comrs of Hawkers and Pedlers about law charges. Dated 8 June 1703.

Also some memoranda. 1½ *pages.*

June 8. 21. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the composition for the St Sebastian wines, and what money remained payable into Her Majesty's Exchequer. Dated 8 June 1703.

Three other papers :—(1) " Composition on the St Sebastian wines." (2) " An account of the proceed of the four pounds per

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ton, for composition for the St Sebastian wines, which escaped the officers hands, before that fraudulent trade was discovered," viz., for the port of London. (3) Similar account for the out ports. 14 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 8. 22. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Charles Carkesse, one of the officers of Customs in the port of London. They state that he was a person of good knowledge and experience in the affairs of the Customs, and by the approbation of the board, had applied himself at all spare times to the collection of the laws and rules of the Customs into one entire volume, out of the several Acts of Parliament; some of which, passed of late years, had otherwise no relation to the Customs, and were become difficult to the officers and merchants. He had digested them and the duties then payable on each commodity into an alphabetical method, as contained in the Book of Rates lately printed by him; which was found of great use in managing and collecting the revenue. He affirmed he had spent 40*l.* on it. They thought he deserved 100*l.* besides his charges, as it had been a labour of some years. Dated 8 June 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" 9th June 1703. Agreed, and to be placed to the head of Incidents." 2 *pages.*

June 9. 23. Letter of Mr Robert Gilliver "Messr" [? Messenger] to Christopher Tilson, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers in the Cockpitt in Whitehall, asking him to search in the auditor's office, and in his books in the Treasury, and let him know by return of post, if there was a certain relapse to the crown as alleged by Mr Egerton; in order that he might know as to the collection of certain rent from the tenant of some land in the Forest of Delamere. Unless he assured Mr Egerton and others that came to the Treasury, that their debts were due & must be paid, 'twas vain for him to drudge through the country and spend money. Dated Chester, 9 June 1703. 1 *page.*

June 9. 24. Report of the Officers of the Works on the estimate of Benjn Jackson, master mason for the works in the gardens at Kensington. Dated 9 June 1703. 1 *page.*

June 9. 25. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the desirability of employing the ship called "La Fine" for the guard of the coast from the Northforeland to Beachey Head, under the command of Cornelius Smith, who was employed in the former vessel for the guard of the coast. The Lord High Admiral by Act 7 & 8 Will. III. was bound to provide certain ships to cruize on the coast, therefore they could not advise that the vessel should be bought for the purpose. Dated 9 June 1703.

Two letters on the same subject, a proposal and a report by Mr Henry Baker, Surveyor General of the riding officers for the guard of the coast of Kent and Sussex, against the proposal.

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Minuted :—" 9th June 1703. Read, and to be further considered." 11 *pages and parts of pages.*

June 9. 26. Report of the Post Masters General to the Ld High Treasurer, on the exceptions made by Mr Darnelly, Accountant of the Post Office, against Mr Blackhall's accounts ended in the year 1700, delivered to the auditor and sworn to. Mr Blackhall refused to proceed to the examination of his accounts in Mr Darnelly's presence, nor did he produce certain vouchers required, and the Post Masters General refused to sign his account. His accounts could never be passed in regular order, so long as he would observe no orders or directions. Dated 9 June 1703.

Two other papers, entitled :—

(1.) "Errors committed by Mr Blackhall in the penny post office accot."

(2.) "Some few of the indirect practices for which Mr Ralph Blackhall stands suspended."

Minuted :—" Order Mr Blackhall to attend the Govrs of ye post office wth his vouchers, wch are to be exd in presence of the Accountant." 4 *pages.*

June 9. 27. Letter from the Prize Comrs to Mr Lowndes, as to a parcel of fish which had lain at a warehouse at Plymouth several months; asking for directions for the exportation thereof, free of duty. Captn Clarke had bought it, and if it were not delivered speedily, it would be returned on their hands and an entire loss to the Queen and captor. Dated 9 June 1703.

Copy of a letter on the same matter.

Minuted :—" Ordered." 2 *pages.*

June 10. 28. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Francis Wyvill, Recr General of Taxes for York, Durham, and Northumberland, praying for allowances, recommending that he should be allowed 5*s.* per cent. (670*l.* 10*s.*) on what he had returned. Dated 10 June 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted :—" 1st July 1703. Agreed." 4 *pages.*

June 10. 29. Report of Mr Charles Twitty to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Samuel Edwin, Esq., Usher of the Receipt of the Exchequer, for payment of 458*l.* 19*s.* 5¼*d.* for necessaries furnished to the million and malt lottery offices. Dated 10 June 1703.

Minuted :—" To be considered when arreas of ye late King come in."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 10. 30. Order in Council for payment of an allowance of 50*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* out of the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty, to John Hughes, Receiver and Controller of the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty, Dated 10 June 1703. 1½ *pages.*

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June 12. 31. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel [? to Mr Lowndes] recommending the pretensions of Mr Collins, the messenger appointed by the Ld Chamberlain to attend her Majesty's service "on this side;" the alterations in the Treasury, and my Lord Marlborough's sudden coming away, having prevented the effect of what was promised him. Dated Hague, 23 June 1703, *i.e.* 12 June.

Minuted:—"100li in pt of wt due on bills & 22 ws for ½ a years salry ending at Xms 1700." 1½ *pages.*

June 12. 32. Report of Mr Charles Twitty and Mr Wm Clayton to the Ld High Treasurer, on Mr Lionel Hernes accounts for cancelling Exchequer Bills. Dated 12 June 1703.

Also the accounts. 7¼ *pages.*

June 12. 33. Estimate of repairing several French prizes. Dated 12 June 1703. 1 *page.*

June 14. 34. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Benjamin Waterhouse, their secretary, recommending his salary to be advanced from 100*l.* per ann. to 200*l.* per annum, in consequence of the arduous nature of his duties. Dated 14 June 1703.

Minuted:—"1 July 1703. Agreed."

Also the petition. 2¼ *pages.*

June 14. 35. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Stephen Lilly, Receiver, and George Searl, Accountant of the General Post Office, for the same cause, recommending an increase to the former of 150*l.* per annum, making 300*l.*, and to the latter 100*l.* per ann., making also 300*l.* per ann. Dated 14 June 1703.

Minuted:—"1 July 1703. Agreed."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

June 14. 36. A proposal by the Postmasters General for a new establishment for the officers in the General Post Office, and also for an establishment of a salary for the solicitor. They state that it was formerly the custom of the office to trust to the justices of the peace or minister of a parish, to take the securities of the Deputy Postmasters in the country, who not having made strict inquiry into the ability of such persons as became bound, several losses had happened to the revenue, and so they had appointed Mr Swift to take charge of that duty; they recommend that he should have 200*l.* per ann. Dated 14 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Agreed. Ult. Nov. 1703. Mr Swift to have 200*l.* p ann. from Lady day 1702, but to take no fees for his attendance for the future, and he is to produce ticqts from ye counsel according to ye statute." 2 *pages.*

June 14. 37. "An accompt of ye Disposition of all ye tallies on ye surplus of ye Malt Duty issued to ye Earle of Ranelagh for the last years service, except ye sume of £18,095 15 0 now remaining in his hands directed for subsidies to ye King of Denmark. June ye 14th 1703." 2 *pages.*

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June 14. 38. Estimate of several works to be done at Windsor. Signed "Chr. Wren." Dated 14 June 1703. 1 *page.*

June 14. 39. Letter of Ed. Berkley to the Ld High Treasurer as to defective arrangements made by the Com^rs^ for the subsidy tax in the county of Somerset, which would lead to a deficiency. If he had received his Lordship's letter, copies should have been transmitted to every quarter of the county. Dated June 14, 1703. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 15. 40. Letter from Ralph Blackhall to the Lord High Treasurer, making various complaints against the post office authorities, more particularly Mr Castleton, Mr Darnelly, Mr London, and the country messengers; praying the appointment of a short day to be heard by counsel upon articles against Mr Castleton lying before his Lordship. Dated 15 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 15 June 1703. If he means his former articles, he has been heard, each article examined, and the charge not made good. Give him a copy of the Postma^rs^ reports." 1 *page.*

June 16. 41. Letter from Mr Isaac Newton to the Honble Wm Lowndes, Esq., giving the result (upon the statement of accounts with the Com^rs^ for Prizes) concerning the gold and silver taken at Vigo & sent into the mint. Dated Mint Office, 16 June 1703.

Also letter of Com^rs^ for Prizes, and "an account of wrought plate, virgin silver, peices of $\frac{8}{8}$, cakes of silver, &c. taken on board y^e^ fleet lately employed in the expedition at Vigo." 4 *pages.*

June 16. 42. "Estimate of y^e^ officers of y^e^ workes ab^t^ covering y^e^ guns in Whitehall, &c." Dated 16 June 1703. 1 *page.*

June 16. 43. "Aud^r^ Bridge's answer to Sr Poll. Wharton's peticon," in relation to the accounts of Sir George Wharton, deceased, late Treasurer & Paymaster of Ordnance. Dated 16 June 1703. $2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

[About June 16.] 44. Petition of Elizabeth Mohun to the Queen, praying all proceedings against her brother, the Lord Mohun, before the Attorney and Solicitor General, might be stayed until his return from Ireland, whither his regiment then was, and for leave for his return, to look after his estate, devised to him by Charles late Earl of Macclesfield. Undated, but see *Letter Book,* Vol. XI. p. 204.

Minuted:—"Signifie to Mr Attor. & Mr Soll^r^ that it is the Queens pleasure that nothing be done to the prejudice of my Ld Mohun till he hath had an opportunity of being heard by himself or his agent." 1 *page.*

June 17. 45. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel [? to Mr Lowndes], sending the establishment of the troops of augmentation, for which he had been constantly labouring since he came over; he also sent a new establishment for all the Danish forces made by guess, to complete 12,000 men. The postscript states this was intended some days since, but the hurry of a continued march hindered him from getting the papers ready, &c. Dated, Camp en Borckloen, 28 June 1703, *i.e.* 17 June.

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Also copies of two letters, one being from Mons. Ivan Slingelandt on the same subjects, and two other papers containing memoranda "pour Mons. Slingelandt," touching the payment of foreign troops, their numbers, &c. Dated 21 June 1703 [*i.e.* 10 June]. 11 *pages.*

June 17. 46. Report of the Com^rs of Works on Mr Wise's bill for work done in St James Park. Dated 17 June 1703.

Also the bill which included the making several drains for the security of the trees, and taking & replanting many large trees.

Minuted:—"30 June 1703. To be paid." 4 *pages.*

June 18. 47. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a proposal made by William Harvey, Esq. The abatement of 50*l.* per annum of the rent of the house wherein the Excise Office was kept was in no respect an equivalent for laying out 2,000*l.*, which would be necessary to be laid out immediately, and Mr Frederick would not release them from the contract made with him for his house. Dated 18 June 1703.

The proposal referred to.

Minuted:—"Read." 2 *pages.*

June 19. 48. Letter from the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, sending a view of the gross produce of the revenue of Ireland. Dated 19 June 1703. 2 *pages.*

June 22. 49. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Sir John Cooke, Kn^t, her Majesty's Advocate General, and others employed on the two late visitations of the Savoy; praying for payment of their disbursements and fees for the witnesses in those visitations; in favour of allowing the same. Dated 22 June 1703.

The memorial, an affidavit, and two papers containing the items of disbursements.

Minuted:—"30 June 1703. Order'd." 12 *pages.*

June 22. 50. Report of John Parkhurst, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Robert Culliford, gent., Agent for Prizes in the port of Southampton during the late war; in favour of his claims. Dated 22 June 1703.

The petition and four other papers. 9 *pages.*

[About June 22.] 51. Petition of George Holder or [Houlder], spaniel keeper to King Charles II., King James II., and the late Queen Mary. King Charles II. gave him a little spot of ground in St James's Park, and ordered Mr Fitch to build him a house, which he enjoyed till King William's accession; the cost (150*l.*) was deducted from petitioner's salary of 80*l.* per ann. by M^r "Chevins." King William requiring the house, by an order in Council allowed him 20*l.* per ann for it. He was afterwards allowed a pension of 20*l.* per ann., which was three years in arrears, and his salary of 20*l.* six years in arrears; praying relief.

Minuted:—"Read 22 June 1703. The Queen thinks her allowance p Mr Nicholas is sufficient for all his pretencions." 1 *page, torn at the right hand.*

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[June] 5 & 22. 52. Three letters from William Holbech to the Lord High Treasurer; (1) complaining of Mr Clayton's affronts and endeavours to quash his reputation, and as to frauds in the returns of duties on marriages in the county of Devon. Dated 5 [? June].

(2.) *Docquetted*:—"Mr Holbech's letter, giveing an accot of his service, ye reasons that induced him to comit ye frauds or irregularitys he was complained of for, with an accot of his family & place of birth, and proposeing to be employed in Devonsh. as survr of ye taxes, & to be paid only poundage out of ye money got by ye frauds he should discover."

(3.) As to discovery made by him in relation to the agent's office, for that part which belongs to Exeter. Asks for a commission for the five western counties and South Wales, for the detection of frauds committed in the reception of taxes. Dated 22 [? June]. 3 *pages*.

June 22. 53. [*Docquetted*.] "A presentment of the Postmrs Genl to my Lord High Treasurer, concerning the house where the Genl Post Office is kept, desiring his Lordship's directions whether to make a purchase or take a lease of the same." Dated 22 June 1703.

They advise that it would be better to take a lease than to purchase, as there were difficulties as to the title. The rent was very considerable, but the situation was convenient, being near the Exchange.

Minuted:—"1 July 1703. "My Ld is of ye same opinion." 2 *pages*.

June 22. 54. Letter of the Duke of Somerset to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for 9,000*l*. upon account of her Majesty's stables, to defray the expenses of the year from 9 July 1702 to 9 July 1703, that being the day he entered the office. Dated 22 June 1703. 1¼ *pages*.

June 22. 55. Letter of Ralph Blackhall to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the production of his vouchers to the Postmaster General. Mr Francis Bythel, deputy auditor for the vouchers, refused to deliver them to him: prays to be heard by counsel. Dated 22 June 1703. 1 *page*.

Minuted:—"Read 22 June 1703. My Lord's last order to stand."

June 22. 56. Letter from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer, about placing George's and Price's regiments on the establishment, from the 23rd of April, and for continuing Mr. Manley in Ireland to take care of the Post Office there. Dated 22 June 1703. 2 *pages*.

June 23. 57. Answer of Mr William Harvey to two reports given to the Ld High Treasurer from the Comrs of Excise, in respect to the house used as the Excise Office. He says the Excise Office had been kept in his house 33 years and was always thought the most convenient place in the city. Dated 23 June 1703. 1 *page*.

[About June 23.] 58. Petition of Jacob Aceré Marmande to the Lord High Treasurer. He had served his late Majesty as his secretary at "Bruxels," and prayed for 150*l*. due to him.

Minuted:—"23 June 1703. To be p̃d if allow'd p̃ Secry of State." 1 *page*.

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Feb. 13 and June 23. 59. A paper of remarks of Mr Godolphin as to English vessels clearing from Guernsey for Rotterdam with French wine, as to salt and other goods; and further as to privileges of prize ships. 2 *pages.*

[? About June 23.] 60. Petition of Captain Morgan Hart, in behalf of himself and the garrison of Inniskilling (Ireland), to the Queen: asking (as a recompense for their "singular service" in the year 1688) for a grant to empower them to coin copper halfpence and farthings, to be current in England and the plantations.

Minuted:—"Read 23 June 1703. The consideracõn of this ꝑtended debt hath been before the parliamt and they did not allow it." 1 *page.*

[? About June 23.] 61. Memorial of Jane Hill, widow of Lt John Hill, who was killed at Vigo, to the Ld High Treasurer, praying in consideration of her loss for a share of the prize money.

Minuted:—"23 June 1703. If this were reasonable it is not in my Lds power." 1 *page.*

[About June 23.] 62. Petition of Thomas Townsend, clerk of her Majesty's Great Wardrobe, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of debts due to him in the reigns of Charles II. and William III., or for the bestowment of an office upon him.

Minuted:—"23 June 1703. What grows due to him in the Queen's time shall be paid." 1 *page.*

June 23. 63. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition and bills of Mr John Ford, for prosecuting persons exporting wool and importing silk. Dated 23 June 1703.

Minuted:—"July 1703. To be paid out of seizures."

Three other documents, one of which consists of the bills referred to. 21 *pages.*

[About June 23.] 64. Memorial of Thomas Perry, one of the grooms of the Privy Chamber to her late Majesty. By the approbation of the Queen and the consent of the Duke of Bolton, her then Majesty's Ld Chamberlain, he purchased that employ for 600*l.* about two years before her death, and was allowed (during the late King's reign) a salary of 60*l.* per ann., praying to be put on the establishment of the late Queen's servants.

Minuted:—"23 June 1703. The Queen has determin'd her pleasure concerning yt list." 1 *page.*

June 23. 65. Report from the Comrs of Prizes to the Ld [High Treasurer] concerning the condition and cargo of the East Starr prize. Dated 23 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Read." 2 *pages.*

June 24. 66. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer the petition of the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Company of Pewterers of the city of London. The Queen was about to take the pre-emption of tin into her own hands in order to a farm, by which they would be deprived of an open market, and it would

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destroy the exportation of pewter; praying to be heard before any agreement for the pre-emption was concluded. Dated 24 June 1703.

Minuted:—"14 Dec. 1703. This is no farm & till they know wt price ye Queen will sett on ye tin, they have no occasion to complain"

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 67. Certificate from the Deputy Clerk of the Pipe to the Ld High Treasurer that Thomas Charnells, Esq., late sheriff of Leicester, had paid to Anthony St Leger and others 80*l.* for apprehending John Ovitt alias Ovidd and John Rawson, highway robbers, and so had overpaid his account. Dated 24 June 1703. 1 *page.*

[? After June 24.] 68. Petition of Frances Jones and Ann Lloyd, daughters of William Pendrill, as to arrears of their pension of 50*l.* per ann. each.

A certificate of the Earl of Ranelagh as to the time he had paid the pensions.

Minuted:—"Frances Jones & Ann Lloyd. My Lord will direct this out of ye 1st mo yt is ordrd to Mr Nicholas' office."

There is this further memorandum:—"Her Maties addll list to Edwd Nicholas, Esqre to pay Frances Jones & Anne Lloyd 50li p ann., each did commence from the 24th of June 1703. Edw. Godfrey." 1 *page.*

June 25. 69. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to a debt of 2,290*l.* 12*s.* 2¾*d.*, due to them from the Comrs of Victualling. Dated 25 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Direct the Comrs of Prizes to demand this mo from the Vict., and if they refuse paymt to require from them an answer in writing." 1¼ *pages.*

June 26. 70. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Ann Evans, widow, as to the paymt to her of certain money arising from the outlawry of George Knype, of Semley, in the co. of Wilts, gentn. Dated 26 June 1703.

The petition and four other papers.

Minuted:—"3 July 1703. Mr Powis to prepare a privy seal." 9 *pages.*

June 26. 71. Letter of the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutt of Ireland, to the Ld High Treasurer, recommending that Gilbert Dolben, Esq., one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas, should be allowed 111*l.* 17*s.* during the time of renewing his patent, and 100*l.* lost by his not going the summer circuit, in consequence of his attendance as a member of Parliament in the English House of Commons. Dated 26 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Warrt sign'd 23 July 1703.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

June 29. 72. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Major Nathaniel Hill, recommending him as a fit object of her Majesty's compassion and bounty: viz., by putting him upon the new list of pensions according to his petition. He

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had served as Major under command of Marshal Schomburg in the late succours of Portugal, and by his wounds and loss of blood was totally deprived of sight. He enjoyed a pension for 28 years, granted him by K. Charles II. Dated 29 June 1703.

The pettion and a certificate of the Duke of Schomburg and Leinster in his favour.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen at St James's, 16 July 1703. No pencon, but to be releived some other way." 3 *pages.*

June 29. 73. Presentment of John Parkhurst, Esq., to the Ld Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer, about the non-payment of certain prize money due from Sir David Mitchell, Kn^t. Dated 29 June 1703.

Minuted:—"30 June 1703. In case Sr David Mitchell doth not pay this mony (according to a former direction), w^th^in a month, Mr Parkhurst is to proceed ag^t him; a deficient tally not being to be accounted paym^t." 2 *pages.*

[?About June 29.] 74. Petition of Frances Jones and Anne Lloyd, daughters of William Pendrill, deceased, and of William Jones and William Lloyd, their sons, for the establishment of their pension for services rendered to King Charles II. in his escape.

Minuted:—"Read 29 June 1703. The Queens affaires will not admitt any new establishm^t of pen~cons." 1 *page.*

June 29. 75. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, showing what interest the several possessors of the Old Spring Garden then had in the same, as found by search at the Rolls, Signet, Pipe, and Audit Offices. Dated 29 June 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 3^d Apr. 1704. Read 7th Dec. 1704. The Q. will not dispose off any part of the ground w^th^in the wilderness." 4 *pages.*

[About June 30.] 76. Memorial of Robert Balle, of London, merchant, to the Lord High Treasurer. A little before the King's death Sr John Stanley, by his Majesty's order, contracted with him for seven marble statues and one marble head for 600*l.*, being the price they cost him in Italy, which were not paid for, on account of the King's death.

The following is the list, and they were intended for Hampton Court:—

	£
Autumn, with two satyrs at his feet, to the life	120
Ceres or Venus, to the life - - -	120
Apollo, bigger than the life - - -	90
Vulcan, to the life - - - -	80
A satyr, to the life - - - -	60
A double statue of Pan and Orpheus, to the life	40
An old Philosopher, to the life - -	30
The "Femall" head - - - -	15
	555
Freight and other charges - - -	45
	600

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Minuted:—" 30 June 1703. He may have the statues again. " 6 July 1711. To be laid before ye Queen." 1 *page.*

[? About June 30.] 77. Petition of Richard Meredith, gent., customer of the port of Chester, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of his salary up to 9 Dec., when William Gratwick, Esq., was appointed.

Also a certificate.

Minuted:—" 30 June 1703. To be paid." 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

[? About June 30.] 78. Petition of Matthew Roberts, plumber, to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of his claims for plumbers work done for his late Majesty at Hampton Court, Kensington, and Windsor, to the amount of 3971*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* He says, " that had it not been for his care in maintaining of servants at his own charge, who resided constantly at Windsor, the painted ceilings as well in St George's Hall as of several other places had been quite ruined, the lead which covered the same being decayed, & the gutters soe very much sunk " (till mended by the petitioner), " that upon every hasty shower it required a constant looking after."

Minuted:—" Read 30 June 1703." 1 *page.*

June 30. 79. " Great Wardrobe } An estimate of the charge of provisions
June 30th 1703. } furnished and several disbursm^ts made since Xm̃as 1702 to Midsom^r 1703: also liverys, vestures, &c., payable in money to Her Maties serv^ts and salarys, wages, &c., to the officers and serv^ts of Her Maties G^t Wardrobe due w^thin the said tyme." 5 *pages.*

June 30. 80. Petition of Lord Dursley to the Lord High Treasurer, for the reward of 200*l.* offered by proclamation for the seizure of Captain Coshart. Petitioner whilst commanding H. M. ship Litchfield met Cap^tn Coshart commanding a French man-of-war of 36 guns, and tho' he had 60 men more than the petitioner, yet after a fight of about four hours he took the captain and delivered him up a prisoner at Portsmouth.

Minuted:—" 30 June 1703. He was not taken before he went out of Engld." 1 *page, quarto.*

July 1. 81. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer. He had considered the annexed petition of five poor gentlemen, late of the second troop of guards. He thought them fit objects of her Majesty's bounty. Dated 1 July 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" Read to ye Queen at St James's, 16 July 1703. Their pencons to be continud in Mr Nicholas's list." 2 *pages.*

July 1. 82. Report of Mr. Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Dame Susanna Meredith, widow, Henry Meredith, and Roger Meredith, her two younger sons. Sir Richard Meredith, Bart., mentioned in the petition, had been found an idiot by inquisition, and there was a clause to be accountable to the administrator, which he conceived to be against law, and to the prejudice of the crown;

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to whom the rents and profits of an idiot's estate properly belonged, only finding fit maintenance for the idiot, and rendering the estate after the death of the idiot to the right heir. He thought the prayer of the petitioner might be granted as to the custody of the person and management of the estate of the idiot. Dated 1 July 1703.

Minuted:—" 7 July 1703. My L^d^ cannot advise ye Queen to grant ye custody of ye ideot to any of ye brothers because they may come to inherit ye estate."

Again:—" 14 Dec. 1703. Granted."

Also the petition referred to, and another petition of Dame Susanna Meredith, and a third very nearly identical, but it has this minute on it: " Windsor, 17 Augt 1703. Read to ye Queen. To be granted to whom ye inter. cannot go." 4 *pages.*

July 1. 83. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the L^d^ [High Treasurer] on the petition of Henry Hooke, Esq., Lieut.-Governor of Plymouth, for paym^t^ of money for conveyance of troops from Plymouth to Nicholas Island. Dated 1 July 1703.

Minuted:—" Read 11 Nov. 1703. My Lord can do nothing in this."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 1. 84. Letter from Thomas, Bishop of St David's to William Lowndes, Esq., enclosing another for the Ld High Treasurer about the repair of his house at Abergwilly. Dated 1 July 1703.

Minuted:—" 7 July 1703. 50^li^ for this purpose to be put in such hands as ye Aud^r^ shall think fit to take care of these repairs & to give an account how ye mony is expended." 2 *pages.*

July 1. 85. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs on the representation of Mr Edmund Dummer, concerning the West India Packet Boats carrying goods: they would give their licence for the same. Dated 1 July 1703.

The representation named.

Minuted:—" Agreed." 2½ *pages.*

July 1. 86. Report of Mr W. Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Magdalen Nezereau: viz., as to the personal estate of Judith Nezereau who had died in London intestate. Dated 1 July 1703.

United is the petition.

Minuted:—" 7 July 1703. Write to Mr Att. to issue his warr^t^ for a comission of enquiry."

There is also another copy of the petition, and a report thereon of Mr Borrett. Dated same day. 3 *pages.*

July 2. 87. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his Lordship an information as to the private stowing away of about 50 tons of goods in H. M. ship Sterling Castle, at Plymouth, to be run or disposed of in other ships, without payment of duties; " which so encumbered the ship, that if she had engaged an enemy it would have endangered her loss:

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praying that the information might be laid before the Lord High Admiral." Dated 2 July.

The information referred to.

Minuted:—" Send copys to Mr Burchet desiring him to acqt the prince's counsell wth it in order to obteyne his R. H. directions thereupon." 2 *pages.*

July 3. 88. A state of the loans upon every branch of the public revenue as they stood at Michas 1696, and at each successive Michaelmas to 1702.

At the foot is:—" This in pursuance of yor precept dated the 1st June 1703 is presented by Chris. Tilson 3 July 1703. 1 *very large page.*

July 3. 89. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Browne, one of the weighing porters of the port of London, praying for the transference of his office to his nephew, John Chamberlaine; they do not object. Dated 3 July 1703.

Minuted: " Granted."

The petition, two affidavits, and a certificate. 4 *pages.*

July 5. 90. Letter of Mr A. Cardonnel [? to Mr Lowndes] about alterations to be made in the establishments of additional troops. Dated, " Camp at Vorseloer," 16 July 1703 [*i.e.* 5 July]. 2 *pages.*

July 6. 91. " The second proposal of Abel Slany, citizen and woolen draper of London, for himself and partners," as to the coinage of 700 tons of copper halfpence and farthings; the contractors paying her Majesty 12,000*l.* The copper to be melted, rolled, cut, and stamped at the Mint. Dated 6 July 1703.

Minuted:—" My Lord expects the returne from ye Mint." 3 *pages.*

July 6. 92. Letter unaddressed of Richard Norton, J.P., as to a concealment by Mr Audly of malt at Barton in Suffolk, the levying the fines for the same, and detailing various proceedings thereon. Dated Ixworth Abbey, near Bury in Suffolk, 6 July 1703.

There is also the copy of a letter from the Excise Comrs on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

July 6. 93. Petition of John Lansdowne, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that the Queen (as part of her duchy of Cornwall) had in the co. of Somerset the manors of Curry Mallett, Shepton Mallett, Milton, Falconbridge, Stoake-under-Hampden, Stratton-super-Fosse, Midsomer Norton, Farrington Gurney, West Hartry, Widcombe, English Combe, and Laverton, and the manor of Rime Intrinsica in the co. of Dorset; praying to be appointed bailiff, the duties having lately been discharged by the steward.

Referred to the Surveyor General 6 July 1703.

Minuted:—" 3rd April 1704. He may have a grant if he will be at the charge." 1 *page.*

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July 6. 94. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, enclosing a letter from one of their officers at Portsmouth, as to the ill state of health of M^r. Gosselin. Dated 6 July 1703. 2 *pages.*

July 6. 95. Proposal of Francis Stratford to remit to Hamburgh 75,000 rix dollars at 5*s.* per rix dollar. Dated 6 July 1703.

Minuted:—"Agreed. The mo. is to be p^d to Mr Stratford by tallys on the malt dutys within a month w^thout interest." ¼ *page.*

July 7. 96. Petition of John Tisue Smith to the Ld High Treasurer. There was due from the late King to him 1,889*l.* 1*s.* 6¼*d.* for the iron work at Hampton Court; prays payment.

Encloses the account.

Minuted:—"7 July 1703. There is no mony of arrear." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 7.] 97. Petition of William Atwood, Chief Justice of New York, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to arrears of his salary in the late King's reign.

Minuted:—"7 July. Not order'd. But he may (if he thinks fit) petition ye Councill for an order there." 1 *page.*

[? About July 7.] 98. Memorial of Brigadier Wm Lloyd to the Ld High Treasurer, for a warrant for payment of 111*l.* 12*s.* stopped out of his pay; the regiment of dragoons in which he was, being charged with that sum.

Copy of a warrant referred to.

Minuted:—"7 July 1703. My Lord can do nothing in this." 2 *pages.*

July 7. 99. Certificate signed "Lanc. Burton" as to the reduced invalids at Tinmouth, whereof Captain Thomas Loyd is captain. Dated 7 July 1703.

Another paper, showing of what the company consisted. 2 *pages.*

July 7. 100. Petition of Benjamin Lodington, Esq., H.M. Consul at Tripoli, to the Queen. His allowance was formerly paid quarterly out of the Customs until the appropriation of that revenue, when it was transferred to the Exchequer; praying for payment of what was due to him.

Minuted:—"7 July 1703. There is no reason or authority to allow this." 1 *page.*

[? About July 7.] 101. Petition of Geronimo Bestoso to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for order for 50*l.* to enable him to pay his debts and go to Ireland to seek a testimonal from the Duke of Ormond.

Minuted:—"7 July 1703. If ye Duke of Ormond make use of his vessell he ought to have paid for it out of contingencys." 1 *page.*

July 8. 102. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the proposal of Mr Abel Slaney for himself and partners, for a new coinage of 700 tons of halfpence and farthings. They

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had enquired into all the coinages of that sort since the year 1672, and they found that in the reigns of King Charles II., King James II., and in the beginning of the reign of the late King and Queen, the coinage of halfpence and farthings was performed by one or more commissioners, who had money imprested from the Exchequer, to buy copper and tin at 20*d.* per pound "haverdupois," and accounted upon oath to the Government for the produce thereof.

Upon calling in the tin farthings and halfpence (by reason of the complaints made against them) there was a patent granted to the proposer and others, who contracted to change the tin farthings and halfpence, and to enable them to bear that charge they were allowed to coin 700 tons at 21 pence per pound weight, without being accountable to the Government, which reason now ceasing, they were of opinion that the former method by commission was most advantageous to the Government; especially if the same method were used for coining copper that was observed for gold and silver, viz., that money might be imprested from time to time to a fit officer to buy copper. The coinage should be carried on under the care and direction of the principal officers of the Mint, and the whole profit should be accounted for to her Majesty.

They did not hear that there was any demand for farthings and halfpence at present, if so it was from unequal distribution. They were overstocked at the General Post Office, about Newcastle, and at Leicester. The coinage of halfpence and farthings should be to the intrinsic value. Whenever a new coinage should be thought convenient it should be done in such small quantities as her Majesty should appoint to supply the decrease and loss of those already coined, without danger of new complaints of overstocking the nation. Dated 8 July 1703.

The proposal referred to.

Also, "Notes of the House of Commons" on the same subject.

"Read 13 July 1703. My Lords concur with this report." 4½ *pages.*

July 8. 103. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes, as to a warrant about which he had two months before written in favour of Captain Porter and his men, repeating the Duke of Marlborough's desire that the warrant might be despatched, for besides this aid they would want upwards of 5,000*l.* to complete the pay of the general officers and others in actual service on that side. He had written several letters of late about our foreign troops and upon other occasions by the Duke's directions, but knew not whether they had come to hand, and begged Mr Taylor might own the receipt of them. Dated, Camp at Vorseloer, 19 July 1703, *i.e.* 8 July.

P.S.—He had enclosed the Duke's warrant for 222*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to Brigadier Lloyd.

Copy of the case of Captn Porter and the letter first referred to. 5 *pages.*

July 9. 104. Letter from Mr Burchett (Admiralty) to William Lowndes, Esqre. The Comrs for sick and wounded had acquainted his Royal

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Highness that there were 1840 sick seamen in 200 houses at Portsmouth, and in 70 houses at Gosport, and that their officers, by reason of the quarters being so long unpaid, find great difficulties in satisfying the people, some of whom being promised payment for the sick from Vigo, will give no further credit; asking that money might be furnished to the Com^rs. The charge of the sick and wounded very much exceeded that of the last war, but that addition chiefly, if not wholly, arose from the want of a cartel for exchange of prisoners.

The complaints against some captains in the fleet for embezzlements were received; examination could not be made 'till the return of the ships. Dated 9 July 1703.

Minuted:—" 13 July 1703. To be brought in to-morrow afternoon when Com^rs Navy are here." 1½ *pages.*

July 10. 105. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of the Duke of St Albans, and on the reports of Com^rs of Customs; giving their opinion that the duty on logwood alias blockwood was an inheritance in the crown by the Act 14 Car. II. cap. 11, and was not appropriated by the Acts appropriating the customs to particular uses. And the Queen might grant the same to the petitioner. Dated 10 July 1703.

Two reports and the petition referred to; also, " accompt of the customs of logwood in London and the out ports for six years."

Minuted:—" The Queen will give the D. 1,000*l.* a year out of this duř pł." 7 *pages.*

[About July 10.] 106. A letter from Mr H. Hosier " to ye honor^d John Evelyn, Esqr, at Wotton neer Darking in Surrey," desiring to be an add^l victuall^r for exam^g the victualling acc^ts." Dated 10 July 1703.

Minuted:—" 17 Augt 1703. My L^d doth not make Com^rs of Vict."

Accompanied by a holograph letter of John Evelyn, inclosing the above, to the Lord High Treasurer. He speaks of Mr Hosier as a worthy neighbour of his, whilst he lived at Deptford. As an accurate accountant there were few (if any) his superior. 2 *pages.*

July 1 & 11. 107. Letter from H., Bishop of London, to the L^d [High Treasurer], respecting the circumstances of the Archbishop of Armagh. He says, " I cannot tell how far my Lord Primate has layed open his case to you, but you may be assured it is deplorable. I know w^t I say is to a person of honour, & therefore you shall have it without disguise. The poor gentleman is an excellent scholar & worthy good man, but little versed in ye affairs of this world. His charitable & generous temper has left him very bare at this time, & to add to his affliction there are severall that insult over his low condition, & one in particular threatens him with a vexatious law suit; so as he is cast down to such a degree that he can think of nothing but retiring, & setting up a private schole for his livelyhood. By this you may guess how much he is distracted wth his misfortunes, & the rather because he is ye first instance of any such

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usage in a case of this nature. I beseech you therefore to extend yor compassion to him for his own sake and that of his order." Dated "11 July."

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen at St James's, 16 July 1703. Referrd to ye Duke of Ormond."

With this is a letter of Narcissus, Archbishop of Armagh, to the Ld High Treasurer, dated Dublin, July 1, 1703. He says:—"Before this comes to y^r Lp̃'s hands I hope my petition to my Lord Lieutenant, concerning ye quarter's rent due from ye see of Ardmagh Febr. 2^d, will be laid before you, wch I presume her Majestie did not design I should lose, because her letter for my translation was dated in January. I understand y^t 200^li of ye said quarter's rent is given away already. I do therefore humbly supplicate for ye remaining part of it. My Lord, nothing but extreame necessity puts me upon this method. Whilst I was Archbp̃ of Dublin ye great number of poor scholars, poor curates, & poor scholemasters throw-out ye whole diocese, to w^m I gave pensions as they deserv'd, besides many other poor people, kept me low. Neverthelesse whilst I was three times one of ye Ld̃s Justices here, I supported ye charges of ye government out of mine own pocket, & laid by all y^t ye King allow'd as governm^t mony (wch was about 1,500^li) for building a library for publick use in this kingdome where is none. The library is now very near finisht, & will cost me about 1,800^li ye very structure, besides books, wch hath brought me to ye last extremitie for ye publicke good.

"And being upon this juncture by her Majestie's special favour, translated to ye see of Armagh, wch hath brought a very great charge upon me, I must of necessity sink under it (& retire to some private place to live in), unless her Majestie will be pleas'd to bestow on me ye remaining part of ye said quarter's rent, for wch I have two reasons.

"1. The first is, y^t it hath never yet been known in this kingdome y^t any part of ye revenues of a Bp̃ricke hath been given away from ye succeeding Bp̃ to any other uses: & t'will be a great affliction to me (to say no more) yf I am made ye first example of it; wch I hope y^r Lp will not do; especially seeing my successor & his, are restor'd to ye entire & full possession of their Bp̃ricks with all their profits & emoluments.

"2. The second reason is, because beyond this quarter's rent not a penny can be expected from all ye tenants of ye see for above half a year, perhaps a twelv month yet to come. My own steward (who is appointed by ye Com^rs of ye Revenue to gather y^t quarter's rent) assur'd me but yesterday y^t he rode two hundred miles to gather in y^t quarter's rent for y^m due Febr. 2, & could not get one single sixpence of it, such an extreame want of mony here is in this kingdome.

"My Lord, I can say no more, but y^t I hope y^r Lp will take compassion on my circumstances, & not think it reasonable y^t I, who have nothing, should be debarr'd of ye profits of my see during ye time of passing my patents, whilst others have alwaies enjoy'd ye full profits of theirs."

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Also, letter from the Ld Treasurer, transmitting the above by command of her Majesty to the Ld Lieut^t for his opinion. 4 *pages.*

July 12. 108. Certificate of Robert Butler, Deputy Rem[embrancer?], to the Lord High Treasurer, that the rectory of Magdalen Laver, Essex, was in arrear for tenths fourteen years, viz. 23*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* Dated 12 July 1703.

Apparently separated from a petition. ½ *page.*

July 12. 109. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, recapitulating a previous report made by them (see 9 March 1702–3) on John Macky's case as to the packet boats; advising that he might deserve their Lordships favour. Dated 12 July 1703.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu. He is to have halfe his salary continued."

Also his petition. 2 *pages.*

July 13. 110. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber, for wages, alms, hire of lodgings, riding charges, &c. Dated 13 July 1703. 1 *page.*

July 13. 111. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes [? to the Lord High Treasurer] on the petition of Richard Hudson, Master of the Dixwell tender, laden with prize goods from Vigo, suspected by Sir Cloudesley Shovel of a design to act clandestinely, and by order of his Royal Highness [Prince George of Denmark] committed to the Marshalsea, and upon examination by the Admiralty discharged: recommending the petitioner for consideration. Dated 13 July 1703.

The petition and an account of the petitioner's disbursements. 3 *pages.*

July 13. 112. Copy of a letter from Mr Polycarpus Wharton to the [Ld High Treasurer] concerning the passing his father Sir George Wharton's accounts, as Treasurer of the Ordnance. No man was willing to deal with a person that had an account with the Government of so long standing. Dated 13 July 1703. 1 *page.*

[About July 13.] 113. Petition of Elizabeth Rice to the Lord High Treasurer. She was bitten and torn and in most deplorable condition, by the great dog (which ran mad), belonging to her Majesty's receipt of the Exchequer. She was incapable of getting her living (having been under the surgeons hands ever since), and of giving suck to her youngest child, which occasioned its death. In addition to which it was doubtful if her husband would not lose his senses for the loss of the child: praying compensation.

Minuted:—Read 13 July 1703. "Order'd 20^li out of secret service. Pd. 14 July 1703."

Also certificate relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

July 14. 114. Memorandum relating to the Establishment of the Danish Troops. Dated 14 July 1703. 1 *page.*

July 14. 115. Letter from the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, touching the memorial of the Com^rs of sick and wounded presented to the Lord High Treasurer "concerning the management of the affair relating to sick and wounded and prisoners at war." They mention

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that the number of prisoners taken (by common report) was much superior to what were taken in the same time in the last war, and the exchange of prisoners was not then settled. They had essayed to make a calculation of the charge of that office for the last war, and they believed there was impressed to it from the Navy above 316,296*l.*, or about 35,000*l.* per ann. for the time of the war. There had been impressed for the said service this war 31,016*l.*, which added to 41,034 (the debt of that office) made 72,050*l.* for the past year. Bills of exchange should be carefully answered by every office to keep up their credit. That the people who entertained the sick seamen would not stay three months for their payments seemed very extraordinary, as it was found when the affairs were managed by some of the members of that board, they were not only content to stay half a year, but thought themselves well paid if their charges were defrayed in the year. Between 60 and 70,000*l.* was the debt at the end of the war, which had been paid off by degrees. The debts of the sick and wounded should not exceed six months. The exchange of prisoners should have been negotiated by the Com^rs of Prizes. Dated 14 July 1703. 3½ *pages.*

July 15. 116. Letter from M^r Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. He had informed Mons. Slingelandt, Secretary to the Council of State, (with the Lord High Treasurer's approbation,) of a repartition of the troops for the conveniency of the several provinces. Some small additions were desired to be made to the Danes. The duke desired him to remind Mr Lowndes as to remitting part of the poundage for the use of the hospitals. Dated "Camp at Calmpthout, the 26 July 1703," N.S. 2 *pages.*

[About July 16.] 117. Letter of the Lord High Treasurer to the Ld Lieut. of Ireland. He had laid the enclosed petition of Thomas Keightley, Esq., praying for 3,000*l.* at once, in lieu of 200*l.* per ann. granted by Queen Mary to Catherine his daughter, who was since married to Sir Donat O'Brien, the petitioner alleging that his whole fortune was liable to answer for his daughter's marriage portion.

The petition has three minutes on it, one of which is, "Read to ye Queen at St James's, 16 July 1703." 2 *pages.*

[About July 16.] 118. Memorial of the "unfortunate Richard, Earl of Ranelagh," to the Lord High Treasurer: tho' he had had the misfortune to loose all his employments after many years services, yet he still continued under a great weight of troublesome business; amongst which he had "to make up and place before the two auditors several accounts, amounting to many millions of money, more, he might safely say, than ever yet went through any man's hands in England." These works could not be despatched without the assistance of many and able hands, who with great reason expected to be well and duely paid, &c.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen at St James's, 16 July 1703. My Ld Treasurer is to give him a reasonable allowance." 1 *page.*

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July 16. 119. Petition of Thomas Browne to the Lord High Treasurer. He was one of the huntsmen to King Charles II. upon the restoration until sent into Holland with 20 couples of hounds and six horses as a present to his late Majesty, who kept him in his service till about two years before his death, and being then about 70 he had a pension of 50*l.* per ann. out of the privy purse; praying for a continuation of his pension which had been stopped.

Minuted:—"To be putt amongst the Queen's papers. Read to ye Queen at St James's, 16 July 1703. Enquire of Mr Hening to wt time he was paid."

With a certificate that he had received his pension to 8 March 1701. 2 *pages.*

July 16. 120. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes, *docquetted:* "16th July 1703 From ye Comrs of Prizes, with a copy of ye victrs answer to their demand of Her Mts moiety for prize provisions taken from ye service of ye Fleet, and their reply." 5 *pages.*

[About 16 July.] 121. Petition of Elizabeth Mc Craken, widow of Capt. James Mc Craken, late of the Royal Regiment of Foot, now commanded by the Earl of Orkney, addressed to the Queen. Petitioner's husband had served 20 years, was wounded at Tangier, and at the battle of Steinkirk, in July 1692, he signalised himself by the management of the cannon, which did great execution against the enemy, but he was unfortunately killed; she had a pension of 40*l.* but it was two years in arrear at the King's death, and she was then left out of the list of pensioners: prays for a continuance of the pension or other relief.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen at St James's 16 July 1703. Her Majty will not grant her request for a pencon, but a bounty some other way." 1 *page.*

19 July. 122. A list of names of persons with sums against them for pensions, entitled, "To be inserted in a warrant from Midsumer 1702." Dated July 19, 1703.

Also another list of the same nature. 4 *pages.*

19 July. 123. Memorial of the Comrs for Salt Duties to the Lord High Treasurer. In consequence of decay of their house, they had received directions and had looked out another house in York Buildings. Mr Mathias Cupper had proposed to let his house for 21 years at 130*l.* per ann.; a lease was drawn for their Lordships' approbation; they prayed for the rent, &c. to be allowed. Dated 19 July 1703. 1 *page.*

19 July. 124. Letter signed Jans Jones commencing "My Lord," asking for his charitable consideration of his poor old father, Cornet Lewis Jones, who had served the crown all his life, and lost all his fortune in the late service of Ireland, and whose pension had been stopped. His case had been recommended by the "Bishop" of Canterbury. Dated "Palace of Lambeth, July 19, 1703."

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Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. There is no fond for these pencons."
With this are two petitions of Cornet Lewis, and other papers. 7 *pages.*

July 20. 125. Specification of what accrued to the Danish troops, who were sent in the pay of the crown of England, for forage which was owing to them, for the time that they had been in winter garrison at places where the state had stores; also for cases of medicines. Dated 31 July 1703, *i.e.* 20 July. [*French.*]

Certificate of Mons. Van Slingelandt, secretary of the Council of State of the United Provinces. Dated 21 July 1703, *i.e.* 10 July. [*French.*]

Also a letter of Charles Roudolf, Duke of Wurtemberg, on the same subject. [*French.*] 6 *pages.*

[About July 20.] 126. "The declaration of ye accompt of the R^t Hono^ble Sydney, Lord Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer of England, late Gentlem^n & Master of the Robes to his late Matie King Charles the Second," granted to him by patent of 16 Nov., 13 Charles II.; with an allowance of 5,000*l.* per ann.

Accompanied by, "A short state of the accompt of the said master for a year ended at Lady-day 1679."

Indorsed:—"R^d 20th July 1703. Aud^rs state of Lord Godolphin's acco^t as Ma^r of the Robes ended at Lady-day 1679." 2½ *pages.*

July 20. 127. Report of Mr Wm Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer. He had examined the drafts of establishments transmitted from Holland, viz., for 12,000 Danes, and for the troops of augmentation, and by comparison with the treaty there were some things doubtful in them, &c. Dated 20 July 1703. 2½ *pages.*

July 20. 128. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Simon Donjoy, late a collector of Excise, to be allowed to compound his debt; recommending his debt to be discharged. Dated July 20, 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"7th Dec. 1703. Agreed with the Report." 2½ *pages.*

July 20. 129. Great Wardrobe Office. { An estimate of the charge of the furniture in the warrant annexed. Dated 20 July 1703.

Also the warrant referred to. 2 *pages.*

[About July 21.] 130. Petition of Robert Streeter to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of a debt due to his father as Serjeant Painter.

Minuted:—"Read 21 July 1703." 1 *page.*

July 21. 131. Letter signed W. Fanshawe, commencing "My Lord," relating the particulars of his severe sickness. His father's estate was ruined by his long and constant service to the Crown, for which they received nothing. 'Twas true King Charles his dead master was pleased to give his wife a pension of 400*l.* a year as her portion and promised to settle it on her, on him and his children for a term of years. King James took it away, because he had made his wife a Protestant, and Col. Sarsfeild (since Lord Lucan) unjustly seised

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an estate of 1,200*l.* a year in Ireland, which the King had purchased for his wife and children by her first husband, and afterwards got him (the writer) attainted in Parliament there, as a rebel to King James, which he never was. When King William had conquered Ireland this estate was seised as Lord Lucan's, and it cost him three years attendance and a great deal of money, nor could he get possession till two noble Earls of this kingdom and some other pretenders had received 2,000*l.* out of it, on pretence of debts which the Lord Lucan owed them; by which time his wife was dead, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs Sarsfeild, carried away the advantage. On his petition to her Majesty for the continuance of the pension, he had received 200*l.* out of the lotteries. Praying his Lordship to induce her Majesty to continue the pension to his poor children.

Minuted:—"Read 21 July 1703. Make a state of the cases of all those who had pencons out of ye lotterys." 1½ *pages.*

[See also petition from him, Vol. LXXVIII. No. 43.]

July 22. 132. Letter from Lord Herbert, unaddressed, applying for a debt of 1,300 and odd pounds. Dated Leicester Fields, July the 22nd 1703.

Minuted:—"11th Augt 1703. No fond for this." 2 *pages, quarto.*

July 23. 133. Certificate signed "P. Frowde, Dep. Cler. Pipæ" that Christopher Willoughby, Esq., late Sheriff of Wilts, had paid to Anthony St Leger, gent., and others 40*l.*, for apprehending John Barloe, a highwayman, and that he had no money in hand, being otherwise in surplusage. Dated 23 July 1703. 1 *page.*

July 24. 134. Certificate of the Mayor, Recorder, and others of the Corporation of Waterford, that "Francis Bauldwin Des Prizes" of the city of Waterford, and formerly Colonel of horse and dragoons in the town of St Martin in the Isle of Rhea, under Lewis the 14th, King of France, being a Protestant fled to England for his religion, having left a considerable estate there; and for his upright dealing as a merchant was received as one of the common council of Waterford, which was a mark of favour seldom or never granted to strangers. They further certify that they believed the report of his great losses in ships and goods. Dated 24 July 1703. *Part of a skin of vellum with seal of the Corporation.*

July 26. 135. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Charles Fryth. They were willing to reappoint him as a collector if his Lordship approved, he having been suspended. Dated 26 July 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Sepr 1703. My Lord is not satisfyd but yt there was fraud intended by Fryth, and cannot signify his approbation to have him restored." 2 *pages.*

July 26. 136. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Turner, praying to be appointed yard

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keeper. It goes fully into the question as to who had the right of appointment. Dated July 26, 1703.

The petition and a certificate.

Minuted :—" Read 7 Decr 1703. My Lord leaves this to the Comrs of Excise." 4 *pages.*

July 26. 137. Warrant by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for the raising by Col. Sibourg of a regiment of dragoons, consisting of French Protestants, to be commanded by the Duke of Schomburg. Dated 26 July 1703. 1 *page.*

July 26. 138. Letter signed Ad. Cardonnel [? to Mr Lowndes] as to the clearings for the troops. Dated, Camp at Houtalen, 6 Aug. 1703.

There is the following postscript :—

" We are daily expecting the Treaty of repertition for the troops of augmentation from the Hague, and the Deputys will have powers sent them at the same time, to sign it with my Lord Duke; this treaty will be conformable to the establishment for the 20,000 men, and his Grace desires to know whether, for saving of time, my Lord Treasurer will give him leave to sign it without sending over the project for his Lops approbation." 3 *pages.*

July 27. 139. Memorial of Mr Fox as to sums required for various troops. Dated 27 July 1703. 2 *pages.*

July 27. 140. Salt Commissioners' Report upon the petition of Geo. Lawson, &c., as to securities for Mich. Taylor, late collector at North Shields. Dated 27 July 1703.

Minuted :—" 27 Oct. 1703. Ordered accordingly." 6½ *pages.*

July 27. 141. Petition of Sir Samuel Morland to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of an annuity of 200*l.* out of the revenue of excise granted him by King Charles II. for the services done to him by petitioner's father during his (the King's) exile.

Minuted :—" Read 27 July 1703." 1 *page.*

July 27. 142. Representation by the Comrs for duties on stamped vellum, &c., viz., that in 1697 the Comrs and officers were (by an Act granting an aid as well by a land tax as by several subsidies, &c.), assessed for their salaries by the Comrs and assessors for Lincoln's Inn, to whose collectors the moneys so assessed were paid. They were assessed in the parish of St Margaret, Westminster, and there was a dispute whether their office was taxable in that parish. The Comrs were assessed one third more, and the under officers two thirds more than at Lincoln's Inn. Processes were issuing for the whole sums assessed in St Margaret's, Westminster : praying for direction. They had been obliged to pay one quarter's tax to both parishes to avoid being committed to prison. An injunction had been obtained to stay distresses, but there were warrants from the Comrs of St Clement Danes out against them before the injunction was obtained, by which the Controller was committed to the gatehouse, &c. Dated 27 July 1703. 1 *page.*

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July 27. 143. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer touching the valuation of unrated goods imported by the East India companies. Dated 27 July 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Oct. 1703. Read again 7 Dec. 1703. Send the 2 companys copys of this report, and desire them to come prepared to speak with my Lord on this subject on this day senight, in the afternoon. Desire the Com^rs of Customs & Mr Attor. to be here then."

Three other documents relating thereto. 5 *pages*.

July 27. 144. Auditor E. Harley's statement of the pay of Sir Thomas Knatchbull, Bart., Commissary to the two marine regiments, and of George Gillard, his deputy, separate from the accounts of the said regiment, &c. Dated 27 July 1703.

Also a certificate.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. To be considered when ye accounts of ye Regim^ts are made up." 3 *pages*.

July 27. 145. "An acco^t of expences paid by Benjamin Jackson, one of the two persons nominated by Sir Henry Ashurst, Bart., to goe to New England, pursuant to an Order of Councill dated in October 1696, to inspect and send from thence the severall species of navall stores, and to make report what stores that countrey can produce for the use of her Maties Royal Navy of England, from the year 1697 to the year 1701, according to instructions given by the said Sr Henry Ashurst." Dated 26 July 1703.

Certificate of the truth of the account. Sworn 27 July 1703.

Memorial of Sir Henry Ashurst, Bart., applying for such recompense as he might deserve for negotiating these affairs.

The Order in Council above referred to, and

The copy of a report of W. Partridge and Benjn Jackson, enclosing another report of the state of his Majesty's provinces of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, with relation to the production of naval stores, whereby it would appear that England might be supplied from thence with those stores without depending upon other nations for them. They were prepared to supply the navy with masts, timber, and plank, cheaper than had hitherto been proposed. If the King would order the settlement of Main, sufficient rosin, pitch, tar, and hemp might be produced. Dated 25 Sept. 1699. The enclosed report referred to, contains many topographical and other interesting particulars, amongst the latter, the process of tar making is detailed. 45 *pages*.

July 27. 146. "The method for the paym^t of the forces to be observed as directions hath bin already sent to the Lord Cornbury of the 30th March last."

Docquetted:—"Mem^d concerning the forces of New York."

Minuted:—"Read 27 July 1703." 1 *page*.

July 28. 147. "The account of the debt due in the office of her Ma^ts works, from the last of March 1703, to the last of June following." Dated 28 July 1703. 1 *page*.

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July 29. 148. Letter from the Duke of Ormond to the Lord High Treasurer; as to Captain Despieres, he had enquired into the truth of the allegations, and found that other French pensioners of the degree of captain had a pension of three shillings a day each, and that the petitioner was placed therein only at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day. Dated Dublin Castle, 29 July 1703.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

July 29. 149. "An abstract of all money payable by her Maj^ty and the States General, pursuant to ye sev^ll Treaties for ye troopes of augmentation for levy-money & pay of the said troopes from ye sev^ll periods of time from which they entred into the service to ye 29th of July 1703, to which time they are to be paid in moyeties, according to the establishm^t now signed for the said forces." 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 1. 1. Letter from Ad. Cardonnel [to Mr Lowndes] sending the treaty of repartition for the "20,000 men augmentation," as it was prepared to be signed by his Grace [the Duke of Marlborough] and the deputies of the States in the army; in order to its being laid before the Lord Treasurer as soon as possible, the troops suffering for want of it. Dated, Camp at Borchloen, 12 Aug. 1703, *i.e.* 1 Aug.

Minuted:—"My Lord can take no exception to the Treaty of Repartition as 'tis agreed to, & desire Mr C. to move his grace to direct, that ye future paym^ts be made accordingly, and that Mr Sweet be directed forthwith to send an acc^t of the application of the money that has already been remitted for ye augmentation troops." 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 2. 2. Copy of an unfinished letter unaddressed. Dated, "Camp att Op Heers the 13 Augt 1703." It is as follows:—"We have halted att Borchloen since Wednesday last, while the artillery was embarking att Maestricht, and this morning the army decampt between two and three a clock, to avoid marching in the extremity of the heat. We came with our right to Op Heeren, and the left extends near Borckworme alias Wareme. To-morrow we shall continue our march towards Tourine, and the next morning invest Huy on this side. The canon with the ammunition design'd for the siege was shipt yesterday, and came up this day, under the escorte of three battalions of the garrison of Maerstricht to Liege; where they will be joyn'd this evening by one battalion of that garrison, and six battalions, with ten squadrons of horse from hence, commanded by the Comte de Noyelles, who are to escort them on the other side the Maes up to Huy. These troops are to take post on

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that side, and as soon as the bridge is made over the Maes, they will be joynd by two battalions more; so that on Wednesday morning the main army will likewise approach, and the place will be invested on both sides the river, the siege being to be carried on by this army under the command of my Lord Duke of Marlborough.

The enemy have their head quarters still at the Abby of Heyleyshem, from whence Monsr Villeroy went yesterday to visit Huy, and to give the necessary orders for the defence of the place; in which we hear there are three battalions of foot commanded by Mons. de Millon, who was governor of ye Chartreuse at Liege, when it was taken the last year." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 2. 3. Petition of James Hodges to the Lord High Treasurer. He had received the thanks of the Board for laying before them a complete view of the whole state of the coin in Scotland since the union; and also for a book entitled "The present state of England as to coin and public charges." In his studies he had fallen upon "a new way of raising money, never yet practiced, which would in a perfect equality affect all persons within the kingdom, a quality much sought after by Sir Wm Petty, Dr Davenant, and others, but never attained," &c., praying for what was reasonable as an encouragement for these services. Dated 2 Aug. 1703.

Minuted:—"11 Augt 1703. 50*li* to be given him out of secret service." 1 *page.*

Aug. 2. 4. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer as to the preparation, &c., of the accounts of the various plantations, together with "List of the accompts of the Plantations ready for Declaration." Dated Aug. 2, 1703. 4 *pages.*

[?About Aug. 2.] 5. Letter from Lord Godolphin to the Lord Lieut^t of Ireland, enclosing a memorial of Elizabeth Caldwell, wherein she prays a pension or other consideration, in lieu of the forfeited estate granted her and resumed by Act of Parliament, for the service she alledges she had done the Protestant interest in Ireland; asking the Lord Lieut^t to certify a true state of the case.

The memorial referred to. "Read 2^d Aug^st 1703." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 6. Letter from the Com^rs of Prizes to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the sale of certain prize snuff. Dated 3 Aug. 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Aug. 1703. My Lord Trer. is of opinion they should dispose of this snuff to the best advantage, according to their discretions." 1 *page.*

Aug. 3. 7. "A memorial from the Com^rs of Excise ab^t detaining moneys out of the malt dutys for payment of the malt officers salarys, &c." Dated 3 Aug. 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Aug. 1703. What is desired cannot be complyed wth being ag^t law." 1 *page.*

Aug. 3. 8. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the payment to John Massinger, tide surveyor at Harwich, of the moiety of a sum of money seized by him on transportation. Dated 3 Aug. 1703.

Certificate thereof. 1½ *pages.*

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Aug. 3. 9. Accounts of moneys received by the Rt Hon. John Howe, Esq., respites on the muster, &c. connected with the paymaster's affairs. Between 25 Dec. 1702 and 3 Aug. 1703. 7 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 10. Various presentments and other papers relating to the affairs of Samuel Atkinson and Nicholas Roope, Esq., appointed to take care of the transportation of Her Majesty's forces. Between 29 Jan. and 3 Aug. 1703. 42 *pages.*

[About Aug. 3.] 11. Petition of Sir Stafford Fairborne, on behalf of himself and the younger children of Sir Palmes Fairborne, deceased. King Charles II. granted to petitioner's mother a pension of 500*l.* per ann. for life, from 24 Oct. 1680, the day that her husband, Sir Palmes Fairborne, died of wounds, received when governor of Tangier; on which she received one year's pension only, in that reign. The pension had been reduced and partly surrendered, but there were still 5,600*l.* due, and arrears of 1,200*l.*; praying directions to be given about the same.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu. Read 3 Aug. 1703. Respited." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Aug. 5.] 12. Petition of Henry Chubb and George Andrews to the Lord High Treasurer, as to certain disbursements in prosecuting a suit for recovering divers encroachments, made on part of Her Majesty's estate in the manor of Bucklawren, parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, as to passing a lease of a small tenement and mill in that manor, and a small tenement in Bonyalva in Cornwall, &c.

With a note on the back that it was referred to the Surveyor General on 5 Aug. 1703. 1 *page.*

Aug. 5. 13. Report of the Officers of Works as to alterations in the lodgings at Whitehall of Edward Nicholas, Esq., treasurer to his Royal Highness. Dated 5 Aug. 1703.

Also a warrant on the same subject.

Minuted:—"The Queen doth not allow this." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 5. 14. Letter from A. Cardonnel to [Mr Lowndes ?], sending by the Duke [of Marlborough's] order a letter from Monsr Keysersfeldt, the Elector of Treves' minister at the Hague, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer, and to represent that the Elector, for the sincerity and earnestness with which he had always acted, deserved his lordship's particular regard, having thereby in the late war been reduced almost to the want of bread. He was the only prince who complied in time with his engagements for the siege of Bonn; asking for particular regard to be paid him. Dated, "Camp at Val Notre Dame, 16 August 1703." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[The letter not now with it.]

Aug. 5. 15. Presentment from the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer. The receipt of the taxes within the "cities of London, Middlesex, and Westminster," amounted to 430,000*l.* yearly, being more than a sixth of the taxes of the whole kingdom. They thought it for her Majesty's service, that the Receiver General should be directed to make payment of those taxes weekly into the Exchequer,

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upon Thursday in every week, as the Rec^r General of Customs and Excise always did on Wednesday; and that the said Rec^r General be obliged to transmit to their board on the same day the names of the several parishes and collectors he received the said weekly money of, and thereby they should be the more able to control the said Receiver in his receipt of the public money. Dated 5 Aug. 1703.

Minuted:—"Order'd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 6. 16. Letter of Edward Southwell to the Lord Godolphin as to the clerks of the council, a difficulty having been made about paying them 100*l.* per ann. upon account of the business of the plantations. The additional 100*l.* per ann. would make but 350*l.* It was the smallest place for profit so near her Majesty's person, &c. Mr Povey and he had given the strictest attendance to the board, councils, committees, &c. for many years. Dated Dublin, 6 Aug. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an account of the duties on logwood since the 35th year of King Charles II. Dated 6 Aug. 1703.

Minuted:—" An abstract to be made and see w^t ye medium of ye produce hath been." 5 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 18. Report of William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of George Granville, Esq., on behalf of Sir Bevill Granville, governor of the Island of Barbadoes, as to his salary. Her Majesty by order in council had forbidden the accepting any present by the governors of her Majesty's plantations, which for some years in Barbadoes had amounted to 2,000*l.* per ann. or more, in lieu of which Her Majesty had settled an additional salary of 800*l.*, which with the former salary amounted to 2,000*l.* per ann. The late governors of Barbadoes, viz., Col. Kendal, Col. Russel, and the Lord Gray, received their salaries from the 4½ cent. upon the place, which method had been altered to payment in the Exchequer here, and occasioned a demand for taxes not paid by any former governors.

The manner of living in Barbadoes was very expensive, and the provisions very dear; besides which it seemed very hard that a governor of the plantations, who was liable to answer his share of all impositions and public debts within the plantations whereof he was governor, should likewise pay the taxes imposed in England, where he was not resident, for a salary payable out of the revenue granted to the crown by an assembly of that plantation, and not by parliament here. His salary should commence from the date of his commission. Dated 6 Aug. 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" Read 8th Sepr 1703. My Lord agrees that the add^l salary shall comence frō the date of the com^on, provided a clause be inserted in the warr^t that Sr Beville Granvill satisfy the presid^t & councill for ye time he was absent frō ye Gov^t: but as to the taxes his Lo^p can give no direcc̄on." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Aug. 10. 19. Letter of the Post Masters General to Mr Lowndes, sending their report to the Lord High Treasurer upon Mr Dummer's proposal of a saving of more than 4,000*l.* per ann. to Her Majesty in building new packet boats to carry the mail between Falmouth and Lisbon, in the room of those employed in that service. Also as to the establishment of a salary to Mr Swift, solicitor of this office, and the salary of Mr Vanderpoel, agent to the packet boats at the "Briel." Dated Aug. 10, 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 1 Sepr 1703. My Lord says he doth not find by looking over the former representation of the Postmr Genll, dated 30 Jul. 1702, that any notice was taken there of ye 20*l.* p an. to Mr Vanderpool, over & above ye 100*l.*, and therefore thinks the last wt rightly drawn, and if Mr V. has always had 120li p ann., they must propose it to be paid some other way." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

[The proposal is not now with it, but a copy of it is found in the *Money Book*, vol. XVI. p. 426, as well as on the previous pages of the Postmaster General's Report, and the approval of it by the Lord High Treasurer.]

[About Aug. 11.] 20. "A particular of the allowances of wages and proceedinges to ye officers, &c. of Her Mats chappels at Whitehal and St James's for Midsomer quarter 1702, according to the present establishment and granted since by warrant."

Minuted:—"Read 11th Aug. 1703. To be laid before ye Queen. Granted." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 21. Petition of John Jones to the Lord High Treasurer. As a riding officer he had seized three persons in Romney Marsh, who were then in Newgate, for coming from France. The opinion of the Lord Keeper, Mr Attorney Genl, &c. was they could not be convicted, tho' they had confessed the fact; praying the benefit of Her Majesty's proclamation, having been at about 20*l.* charges.

Minuted:—"11 Augt 1703. Ref. to Mr Borrett." 1 *page.*

Aug. 11. 22. Letter from Mr Geo. Clark to Mr Lowndes as to an order to be obtained from the Lord High Treasurer for the payment of the fees due to the judge, the several officers of the Court of Admiralty, the Registrar of the Court of Appeals for Prizes, and to the officers of that court; his Royal Highness having agreed by deed with her Majesty that all the perquisites of his office should be applied and paid as Her Majesty should direct. Dated 11 Aug. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 23. Letter signed "Step. Evance & Theod. Jansen," with proposal as to the rate for remitting money to Lisbon.

The proposal. "Read 11 Aug. 1703." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 24. Petition of Captain Dorgeuall to the Lord High Treasurer. His pension of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day was in arrear six years and three months. It was given him for services commencing 40 years before in the reign of King Charles II. [*French.*]

Minuted:—"Read 11th Augt 1703." 1 *page.*

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Aug. 12. 25. Letter of Charles Roudolf, Duke of Wurtemberg, to his Excellency the Duke of Marlborough, Captain General of the Confederate army. The crown of England owed the Danish troops 58,313 fr. 2 5 up to the end of the year 1702. The time fixed for the payment to the "solliciteurs" in Holland was expired, and so they kept back the ordinary pay of the troops. The forage was not paid for to the Danish regiments, viz. to the officers of infantry who had been in garrison on the frontiers and in the country acquired; cases of medicine had not been delivered to the sick, and the people would not receive sick regiments. These things were all directly contrary to the treaty with his Danish Majesty. His Excellency had promised that all arrears should be paid. There were no means for finding recruits in the winter, so that in the spring the corps would be ruined, if the arrears were not promptly paid, &c. Dated at the "Camp de Vale, Notre Dame," 23 August 1703. [*French.*] 4 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 26. Letter from Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. He had been already informed of the daily clamours of the foreign troops for want of money. Their cries were become so loud and their necessities so great that the Duke could no longer forbear transmitting the enclosed papers for the Lord Treasurer. The Dutch had long since paid their quota. If a supply were not immediately remitted, not only for the Danes and Prussians, but for all the rest of the auxiliaries, it might be of dangerous consequence, for the troops must infallibly desert. Upon repeated promises from his Grace, the last winter. of a speedy supply, the Danes were prevailed with to make their recruits, in order to which they were obliged to take up money at interest from their solicitors at the Hague, who now began to stop the same, so that they were without money either from the Dutch or us, and must of course disband themselves if not relieved. We had altogether lost our credit with these foreign troops, and the Duke directed him to observe we must not expect one recruit for next year, until they had their levy money and other extraordinaries paid in advance. Dated, Camp at Val Notre Dame, 23 Aug. 1703.

Two other papers relating thereto. 7 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 27. "Sir Polycarpus Whartons acct Dr & Cr with ye crowne Augt 12, 1703." (Ordnance.) 2 *pages.*

Aug. 13. 28. Letter of Col. Christopher Codrington to [Lord High Treasurer]. He was just "rising from the grave & could scarce yet be reckoned amongst the living." He had hoped his friends would have procured him a furlough, and in person to have given an account to his Lordship of his expedition. He undertook it out of perfect necessity, that the soldiers might not all perish on board. Notwithstanding the baulk of his first design, to surprize the "Dos Dane," her Majesty's arms had a success. Why that success had no better consequence he knew not. Mr Walker, he hoped, had a better reason in reserve than he could find, or anyone else there. He continues, "But this my Lord, ile stake my head and all I'm

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worth on, that if he would have staid at Guardeloop 'till the 20th of May, all the people of Guardeloop, and eight hundred the best men of Martenico, would [have] bin our prisoners at discretion; which would have been in effect to have gaind all the French islands at a blow. We shall never have so fair a prospect agen." He could not hope to have the honour of waiting on his Lordship till next summer, but would send the result of several councils of war, with his reasons and explanations on them, by the next packet, which would arrive, he believed, as soon as the fleet would be returned to England. Dated "Antego," August 13 [1703 on the dorse]. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 29. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh on the petition of Frances Jones and Ann Lloyd, the only daughters of Wm Pendrill, deceased, and of their sons Wm Jones and Wm Lloyd. 100*l.* pension had been allowed to these daughters of Wm Pendrill, from 1690 to Mich. 1702. His late Majesty in 1695 granted the continuance of the pension to Wm Jones and Willm Loyd. Their mothers were still living and very aged. The services being undoubtedly true and so very meritorious, he could but recommend them for the arrears and for the time to come. Dated 14 Aug. 1703.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 30. Letter of M. Wadding to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that Mr Taylor might give him his Lordships commands, as that was the only thing that kept him in the kingdom; his Lordship was sensible what a sufferer he was for his late conversion, as also how long he had waited for her Majesty's promise to provide for him, asking for his Lordship's consideration. Dated 14 Aug. 1703.

Minuted:—"Paid 10l out of sec. ser. mo." 1 *page.*

Aug. 14. 31. Report of the Comrs of Excise on the petition of Allen Garrard, a security for Geo. Murry, formerly a collector of Excise, a defaulter, viz., as to his enlargement from prison. Dated 14 Aug. 1703.

The petition and other papers. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 32. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the proposals in an annexed paper, presented to the Ld High Treasurer by Mr Tayleure and Mr Battely, clerks in the Remembrancer's Office, for the more speedy and effectual getting in arrears of taxes, or supers, which by several schedules and rolls they found to be very great. The original returns should be examined. For the future the Receivers Genl should receive no returns of arrears of taxes from the collectors, but such wherein the persons are fully described by their names, titles, trades or professions, and places of their abodes, &c. Dated 14 Aug. 1703.

Also the representation or proposal referred to.

Minuted:—"Ref. to ye audrs & ye agents to consider & report. Auditors report thereupon, 18 Augt 1703.

"Mr Lowndes to speak to ye agents abt this, and to send my Lord an accot to ye Bath, wt direcc̃ons are nec̃y to be given by his Lop." 5 *pages.*

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Aug. 14. 33. "An accot of ye debt in the office of ye works for ye quarter ended ye last of June 1703, wth a particular where ye workes in ye sevll houses were performed." Dated 14 Aug. 1703. 7 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 34. Letter of Mr Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer, as to his disbursements upon the service of the West India packets. Dated 16 Aug. 1703.

Referred to the Post Masters General. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 16.] 35. Petition of Henry Corey and Richard Dee for themselves and 40 inhabitants of Westminster to the Lord High Treasurer, for redress, and to prevent their ruin; they having given credit to the Gentlemen out-pensioners of the Hospital of Chelsea, to the value of 5,000*l.* and upwards.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Aug. 1703. There is no fond for this." 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 16. 36. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. The Duke would according to the Ld Treasurer's approbation, sign the treaty for the repartition of the troops with the Deputies of the States. Mr Sweet had acquainted him that he had 3,000*l.* from Lord Ranelagh, &c. He heartily congratulated with Mr Lowndes on their success there. Dated, Camp at Val Notre Dame, 27 Aug. 1703, *i.e.* 16 Aug. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 16. 37. Great Wardrobe. An estimate of the charge of necessaries for the ambassador extraordinary to Portugal. Dated 16 Aug. 1703. 1 *page.*

[Apparently for the chapel.]

Aug. 16. 38. Report of Earl Ranelagh to the Ld [High Treasurer] in favour of the grant of bounty to Captain John Breres [or Bryers] of Latham in the co. of Lancaster, gent., who had received a pension during the three last reigns for his services in the civil wars, &c. Dated 16 Aug. 1703.

His petition and a certificate. 3 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 17. 39. Copy of letter from the Ld Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, urging encouragement to be given to the linen manufacture in Ireland. Dated Dublin, 17 Aug. 1703.

Also copy of report of the trustees for the same manufacture. 2½ *pages.*

[About Aug. 17.] 40. "Petition and case of Charles Palmer in conjunction with his own brotr Edward, late decd, for that both them long since having manifestly serv'd both the crown & public and yet unrewarded, praying an instant bounty sum for pressing occasions."

The services were rendered in connection with a change in the Excise.

Minuted:—"17 Augt 1703. Give him 10li & tell him he must follow ye office no more."

Also copy of certificate of various members of the House of Commons in favour of the petitioners. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 17. 41. "Abstract of the totalls of each annuall accot of the Commrs for sick & wounded seamen and prisoners during the late war with France." August 17, 1703. 2 *large pages.*

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Aug. 18. 42. Letter signed Jo. Parkhurst to the Lord High Treasurer as to the reception of certain pistoles from Sir David Michel.

Minuted:—"Read 18 Aug. 1703. An ordr to Mr Parkhurst to receive the pistolles due frō Sir D. Mitchell at the rate they are now current." 1 *page.*

Aug. 18. 43. "Mr Gillivers answer to a complaint made agt him in Cheshire." Addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to the levying and collecting the arrears of Her Majesty's Land Revenue within the county palatine of Chester. Dated 18 Aug. 1703. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 18. 44. A paper *docquetted*:—

"Agents vouchers wanting in ye first accot of the Commrs for sick and wounded seamen, 1689, 1690.

"Enclosed in a precept to those Commrs, 18 Aug. 1703, to be supplyed by ym." 1 *page.*

Aug. 19. 45. Letter of the Post Masters General to Mr Lowndes, enclosing Mr Dummer's letter in relation to the West India packet boats, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. They forgot when last at Windsor with Mr Lowndes, to mention their presentment for an establishment of a salary for Mr Swift, solicitor of this office; as also the affair of Mr Vanderpoel of the Briel. Dated 19 Aug. 1703.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 46. Copy of warrant from John, Duke of Marlborough, to Charles Fox, Esq., Paymaster of the Forces, and his deputy in the Low Countries, for payment of the troops of augmentation according to the Treaty of Repartition. Dated at the camp at Val Notre Dame, 1 Sept. 1703, *i.e.* 21 Aug.

Also an extract from the treaty referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 47. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. The Duke had signed the Treaty of Repartition with the deputies of the States on the previous Friday. Mr Sweet was to conform accordingly in his payments. His Lordship hoped that the Lord Treasurer would have ordered a sufficient supply for the foreign troops. Mr Sweet had not received a farthing for the hospitals. Dated, Camp at Val Notre Dame. 3 Sept 1703.

Accompanied by an extract from Mr Stanhope's letter to the Duke of Marlborough. 3½ *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 25. 48. "List of bills of excha enclosed in the precept to the late commrs for sick & wounded seamen." Dated 25 Aug. 1703. 1 *page.*

Aug. 28. 49. "A state of the poundage deducted from ye subject troopes part of ye 4,000 men acting in conjunction with her majties allies, out of their clearings, from ye 25th of Decembr to the 24th of April last." Dated 28 Aug. 1703. 1 *page.*

Aug. 29. 50. Warrant from her Majesty to the Lord High Treasurer to pay bills for business in the Courts of Admiralty out of the perquisites of Admiralty. Dated 29 Aug. 1703. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 31. 51. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to Mr Lowndes, enclosing an extract from a letter of the Comrs of Transport as to 12,000*l.* wanted by that departmt. Dated 31 Aug. 1703. *Parts of* 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 31. 52. Balance sheet of the Receiver General of Prizes to 31 Aug. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 1. 53. "Mr Sweets accts of money recd and paid for the 20,000 men. Additional troops.
"Receiv'd from Mr Sweet the 1st Septr 1703." 1¼ *pages.*

Sept. 6. 54. An opinion by Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney Genl, on the petition of Thomas Frampton and others, and on a report of the Comrs of Customs, that the Queen might give leave to the petitioners to enter certain fish free of customs. Dated 6 Sept. 1703.
Minuted:—"Wtdrawn."
Also the petition and report. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 7. 55. Report of the Officers of Works about Mr Wise's bills for works done at Kensington Garden and in St. James's Park. Dated 7 Sept. 1703. 1 *page.*

Sept. 8. 56. "A computation [of] 20 days pay to the troops of augmentation to the 29th of Septr 1703 incl.," in a letter signed E. Pauncefort to Wm Lowndes, Esqr. Dated 8 Sept. 1703. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 8. 57. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. The Duke was very glad to find the Lord Treasurer had been pleased to supply the troops of augmentation so plentifully, which would put an end to all clamours. As to the Hessian subsidies, Mr Sweet had received the money from Mr Fox. He enclosed, by his grace's command, the demand of the Hessians for their extraordinaries. He also enclosed copy of a letter from himself to Mr Pauncefort. Dated, "Camp at Vervier, the 19th Sept. 1703," *i.e.* 8 Sept.
The two enclosures mentioned. 8 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 58. "Report of the Committee for inspecting ye publick accounts given into the House, 13 Septb 1703"; apologising for the incompleteness of the report by the shortness of the time allowed them. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 59. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the memorial of Edward Earl of Orford, recommending a reasonable satisfaction to the clerks who had been employed in passing his Lordship's accounts, &c. Dated 13 Sept. 1703.
Minuted: "Read 2d Feb. 1703. My Lords will speak wth Mr Dodington."
The petition referred to. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 60. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Carter, praying for part of the debt due to him and for employment in the Customs. They had given him the perusal of their establishment of officers. He seemed to decline that, and insisted wholly upon some patent office, and they were of

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opinion that a patent office to be executed by a deputy might best suit him. Dated 13 Sept. 1703.

The petition and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Oct. 1703. There is no patent office vacant, but my Lord will consider this when there is a proper occasion." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to the fitting out a vessel to guard the coast of Cornwall under the command of Captn Upton, giving a satisfactory account of his proceedings, and recommending the continuance of his services for some longer time. Dated 16 Sept. 1703.

Minuted:—"22 Oct. 1703. To be continued this winter." 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 21. 62. Proposal of Sir Henry Furnese to the Ld High Treasurer as to the remittance for the subsistence of her Majesty's forces in Holland of 160,000*l.* Dated 21 Sept. 1703.

Another similar proposal by Stephen Evance and two others. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 22. 63. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on two memorials of Guy Palmes, Esq., late one of the tellers of the receipt of the Exchequer in relation to the deficiency in the annuity office. Dated 22 Sept. 1703.

Two other papers. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 23. 64. Letter of the Com^rs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes, on the memorial of Mr Micajah Perry & Co., of London, merchants, as to payment of a bill of exchange for provisions. Dated 23 Sept. 1703. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 24. 65. Letter signed J. Warter to the Council of the Lord High Admiral, asking for an order for imprest to defray charges of recovering the rights and perquisites of Admiralty. Dated 24 Sept. 1703. 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 66. Ireland.—Accountant General's abstract of cash in the collectors hands on the 28th September 1703.

A tabular form showing the names of the ports in Ireland, the cash from them, &c. 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 67. Letter of Peter Killigrew to William Lowndes, Esq., asking that his son might be employed on the farm of the tin. In the year 1673 he, being receiver of the coinage duties of tin, by detecting Mr Papillon and Harrison, put a general stop to certain frauds, till then commonly practiced, whereby the duties were doubled. He received no reward from this, and hoped that would be taken in his son's favour. Dated Ludlow, 29 Sept. 1703. 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 68. An account of receipts and payments from 31 December 1702 to Michaelmas 1703.

In connection with the army. 1 *large page.*

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Sept. 29. 69. New York.—State of the general account of the revenue of New York, from 25 December 1702 to 25 March 1703, collected by Caleb Heathcote and two others, Com^rs for the public receipt, until the arrival of Thomas Byerly, Esq., collector and receiver in that province.

Also state of the account from 31 July 1703 (when Mr. Byerly entered upon the office of collector and receiver general of that province), to 29 Sept. following.

Minuted:—"Read 10 May 1704." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 70. "Mr Aud^r Bridgers return to ye precept of 1 Oct. 1703, about ye 2 sums of 477*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* charg'd: paid to Mr Butler on ye off-reckonings of Major Gen^ll Windhams reg^t." Dated, 4 Oct. 1703. Addressed to the Com^rs for Public Accounts. 1 *page.*

[Apparently between Aug. 14 and Oct. 6 1703.] 71. Papers relating to the office of keeper and guide of roads, held by Captain Studholme, viz., accounts of repairs of two bridges and causeways at Lacock Bridge, memoranda of appointments of certain road-surveyors, and a letter from him to the Lord High Treasurer, suggesting that the Attorney General should indict the bad roads, that they might be made good against the next summer, should her Majesty have occasion to go to "the Bath," &c. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 8. 72. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer. They were of opinion that the process should have its course against Sir Thomas Bellot's executors. Dated 8 Oct. 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 21 Oct. 1703. My lord concurs with this report."

Also a letter from Mr. Lowndes.

And another from Sir Tho. Bellot. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 73. "A list of ye taxes upon the several officers in the peny post, 1703."

With a certificate of its correctness. Dated 11 Oct. 1703. 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 74. Seventeen papers containing an abstract or certificate of all money received and paid by Charles Fox, Esq., on account of the pay of her Majesty's forces in the Low Countries from 25 Dec. 1702 to 12 Oct. 1703. 17 *pages, brief size.*

Oct. 14. 75. Letter from Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes for impresting money to Mr Walters to recover ye rights & perquisites of the Admiralty. Dated 14 Oct. 1703.

Minuted:—"200*l.* to be imprested to him at ye excheq^r." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 14. 76. Presentment of her Majesty's Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the proceedings of French Bromfield, Esq.,

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one of the Receivers General of the taxes, in the county of Sussex. Dated 14 Oct. 1703.

Also a letter from Thomas Bromfield to Mr William Lowndes. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 77. An unfinished letter or copy of a letter dated 15 Oct. 1703, and commencing "My Lord," giving a detail of proceedings in the Irish House of Commons from the 9th to the 14th of October.

The matters discussed were: iron and staves, hollow blades, the bringing into that nation of 300,000*l.* and lending money at 6 per cent. interest. Mr Molesworth's report from the Commissioners for the state of the nation, which concludes with desiring to be restored to their ancient privileges or else to be united to England. Mr Asgill for the book laid to his charge expelled. The Excise bill. Mr Nutley's election, chosen at Lisburn by Lord Conway's recommendation. Committee of Supply. The report on the public accounts debated four hours. Sir Willm Robinson chiefly attacked. The necessary charges of the establishment. The support of the government for two years, debated four hours. 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 15. 78. Letter signed Edward Southwell to the Lord Godolphin, giving an account of the proceedings [? of the government in Ireland], viz.: The speaker in most open manner had opposed what his grace thought was for the Queen's service, so that instead of the usual assistance from one in his post, they had been forced to labour against him. He hoped the last vote for supply had much broken the knot, and if what was given did not come up to her Majesty's wishes, yet it was a great deal more than most people expected. He enclosed various papers, and one from Sir Wm Robinson to show how he discharged himself. He believed the House would pass a censure upon their officers of the revenue in general, for not laying before them the credits as well as the debts. There would be great wrangling about the pensions, &c. The House of Lords continued pretty quiet, but Ld Meath threatened every day to bring in his case. The transports with the soldiers were ready to sail. Admiral Dilkes was in Cork harbour and had nearly recruited his victuals, and then would proceed with the E. India fleet. He had that night an express from Kinsale of the arrival of the Yarmouth, with seven companies of Lord Charlemont's regiment. He parted with Admiral Graydon and all the rest of the ships 300 leagues off. Dated Dublin, 15 Oct. 1703. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 18. 79. Letter of the Duke of Ormond to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Knox, as to a discovery of secret practices carried on in Ireland, in exporting wool into France. Dated Dublin, 18 Oct. 1703. Also the Comrs of Revenue's report thereon, and proposals to prevent the exportation. 5¼ *pages.*

Oct. 19. 80. Report of Josh Tredenham and W. Duncombe, Controllers of the Army, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the case and petition of

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Mr Thomas Brerewood as to his loss in providing clothes & accoutrements for a regiment of dragoons. Dated 19 Oct. 1703.
Minuted:—"My Lord sees noe reason to make any allowance. Octobr 28, 1703." 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 81. Letter signed E. Jollyvet to William Lowndes, Esq., as to passing Mons. D'Auverquerk's account, and as to his salary, &c. Dated 20 Oct. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 82. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on certain papers of Mr William Middleton, concerning the practice of merchants in importing wines in larger casks than formerly to defraud the government of the duty. Dated 20 Oct. 1703.
Six other papers. 9 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 83. "An accot wt is due in the office of her Mats works for one quarter ending the last of September 1703." Dated 20 Oct. 1703. 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 21. 84. Letter signed [apparently by several Comrs] to Mr. Lowndes, asking for an account from the Treasury Minutes of what sums should have been contracted for, to be remitted to Flanders for the use of the forces. Dated Spring Gardens, 21 Oct. 1703. 1 *page.*

Oct. 22. 85. Letter from the Duke of Schonburgh and Leinster to the Lord [High Treasurer]. He would have waited on his Lordship but for the hurry he was in about his preparation for Portugal. He was forced to trouble his Lordship about his arrears, part of which were ordered by the late King, but remained unpaid. He hoped her Majesty would consider him. The contingent sum in the establishment for the 6,000 men might prove short, which would prejudice her Majesty's service. He hoped upon the addition of the 2,000 men, his Lordship would increase the sum proportionably. Dated 22 Oct. 1703.
Minuted:—"This matter has been laid before the Queen, but her Maty has not thought fit to give any directions therein." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 86. "Mr Travers's memorial about paling the Queen's meadows at Hampton Court." Dated 22 Oct. 1703. 1 *page.*

Oct. 22. 87. Petition of John Thrale to the Lord High Treasurer, for a nomination as one of the Comrs of the Tin of Cornwall, having been manager of the million and malt lotteries, and run the risk of having false tickets put upon him, several of which he detected.
Minuted:—"22th Oct. 1703. Read." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 22. 88. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Derrick Stork, for 23 years body coachman to King William III., to whom the customs arising on the importation of coach horses were granted by privy seal, viz., as to the continuance of the payment of that custom after the King's death. Dated 22 Oct. 1703.

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Also the petition.

Minuted:—" To be layd before ye Queene to give him a pencon equall to this." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 89. " The Earle of Ranelagh's memoriall " as to the subsidy due to the Elector of Treves. He found by the 6th article of the treaty her Majesty was to pay 25,000 crowns yearly. 2,038*l.* 9*s.* 8½*d.* had been remitted to Mons. Van Kaisersfelt, who had made a further demand.

Minuted:—" To be governed by ye treaty." 654*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* remained due to Mr Stratford.

Minuted:—" To be p̃d." Dated Oct. 22, 1703. 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 90. Report of Mr Wilcox, Surveyor Genl of her Majesty's woods south of Trent, on the memoral of Mr Westwood, one of the underkeepers of New Park, touching the repair of the park wall and lodges. Dated Oct. 23, 1703.

The petition and an estimate of repairs and other works necessary to be done there.

Minuted:—" 27 Oct. 1703. Order'd prout in ye report." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 91. Letter signed T. Brown, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, urging the case of Mr Hugh Speke. Some persons of honour and quality " admired " that he had not some satisfaction already made him, and condemned the late reign in a great measure for the ill usage he then received; and they were all of opinion that some suitable return to him would be greatly for her Majesty's service, for he had many great relations, and was a person publicly known; an active man, of good sense and great understanding and experience in the affairs of the kingdom. It would be a great reflection upon his Lordship, after his Lordship's report, if he did not find some speedy relief from her Majesty. He would be forced to apply to the House of Commons, where he had at least 150 relations. Dated 25 Oct. 1703.

Minuted:—" My Lord had some thoughts to move the Queen in his behalf; but now, because he would not hinder him in making his application to the House of Comons, my Lord will defer the favor he intended him till the session is over."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XII. p. 155, 19 Nov. 1703, is:—" Mr Speke to have 100*l.*, & to be told he must not trouble ye office." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 92. Letter signed " M. Marleborough " to Wm Lowndes, Esq., relating her distresses. She owed half a year's rent and nearly four score pounds to her neighbours, and had been several weeks without a shilling in the house. Her sorrows were unsupportable in her old age. She finishes with a postscript. " Sr, If you are pleased at any time to send yr servant with a word of good news, a line left at Mr Castle's house next Scotland Yard will find me." Dated Oct. 26, 1703.

Docquetted:—" Countss Dowager of Marlborough."

Minuted:—" To be laid before ye Queen. Read 24th May 1704 50li out sec. ser. mo paid 26th do." [See also Vol. LXXV. No. 7.] 1 *page.*

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Oct. 26. 93. Letter signed Robert Gilliver to Christopher Tilson, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers, as to forbearing to levy the arrears of rent charged on the late Duke of Richmond and Lenox for lands in Sutton Marsh. He thought it a hard case to have to send out receipts for the tenants in arrear, to meet at places appointed to pay their money, and in the meantime to have an order to respite the same. By the middle of next month he hoped to receive considerable arrears, if the tenants had "not met wth disencouragemt not to pay" him. Dated Grantham, 26 Oct. 1703. 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 26. 94. Memorial for subsistence to the West India regiments arrived in England and Ireland. Signed J. Howe. Dated 26 Oct. 1703. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 95. "List of accompts presented by Mr Blathwayt to the Honble Commissioners of Public Accompts, pursuant to their precept dated the 3rd of April 1703, requiring quarterly accots of the revenues in the plantations to be exhibited unto them." Dated 27 Oct. 1703. 1 *page.*

Oct. 28. 96. An estimate of the debt of Her Maties Navy on the heads hereafter mentioned, as it stood on the 30th of Septembr 1703. Dated 28 Oct. 1703. 2 *large pages.*

Oct. 28. 97. Memorial from the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the debt of the office (above 40,000*l.*). The quarterers of the sick and wounded seamen, who were three quarters in arrear, were very pressing. The daily expense of subsisting prisoners (who were above 3,000, with no English in France to exchange for them) was very large. A great number of sick seamen were expected home from the Straights and other parts, which would increase the debt. They pray for a supply. Dated 28 Oct. 1703. 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 29.] 98. Petition of Captn Henry Sankey to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had allowed him 80*l.* per ann. and 20*l.* in hand in consideration of his wounds, of which sums he had received the 20*l.* and 50*l.*, and prayed for the remainder. It was now 14 months since he received the wounds (of which he was pretty well recovered), and he designed to enter speedily into the army.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Oct. 1703. The Queen was so bountifull as to give him money in consideration of his hurt, but did not design to give him any pencõn." 1 *page.*

Oct. 29. 99. Memorial from W. Whitfeild to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the muster rolls received from marine regiments, asking for 3,000*l.* on account. Dated 29 Oct. 1703. 1 *page.*

[?About Oct.] 100. Memorial signed "Henry Portman" to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to Hyde Park. The palings were out of order and the deer daily got out. The ditching and railing round the wallnut-tree ground was very much broken, so that neither horses nor coaches could be kept out, by which it was made like a common.

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He relates various other defects and prays to have them surveyed and repaired. ? About Oct. 1703, as there is another petition in the *Reference Book*, Vol. VII. p. 77, apparently on the same subject. 1 *page.*

Nov. 1. 101. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a bill for work done about new building and repairing bridges and passages in the Forest of Windsor, recommending 163*l.* 16*s.* to be allowed in place of 190*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* claimed. Dated 1 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"3d Apr. 1704. Agreed to."

The bill and two letters. 8 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 102. The case of Charles Rickesies, Esq., M.P., as it was specially reported [in the House of Commons], the first day of Novr 1703, relating to a debt due to him for military stores supplied in the years 1643 and 1666 by Abraham Rickesies. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 103, "An accot of money due to John Robinson, Esq., envoy to the King of Sweden." Dated 2 Nov. 1703. 1 *page.*

Nov. 2. 104. "A repot of the Comptrollers of the Accompts of the Army, relateing to ordr of reference for ye regimt of dragoons that was to be raised under the comd of ye D. of Schomberg." Dated 2 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Nov. 1703. Mr Blathwait to prepare a contingt warrt for 1/3 of his demand to be p̃d to the persons concerned." 1 *page.*

Nov. 2. 105. Memorial from W. Russell, Serjeant of the Hawks, to the Ld. [High Treasurer], praying for an allowance of what was due for the subsistence of the hawks, &c. Dated 2 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Nov. 1703. The Queen has signifyd her pleasure not to continue this expence." 1 *page.*

Nov. 2. 106. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the number and value of the trees in the new riding, then making in the great park at Windsor, through the woods, and to be continued through some part of the forest, adjoining to the park pale. He valued them at 70*l.* if they stood till the bark would run, if not at 60*l.*, &c. Dated 2 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Nov. 1703. To be laid before ye Queen. Enquire of him ye most proper time for doing this."

Lower down is this reply: "If the bark be saved it must not be fell'd till the latter end of Aprill or ye beginning of May as the season may be. Edwd Wilcox." 1 *page.*

Nov. 3. 107. Memorial of Mr W. Whitfeild to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the subsistence of Marines. Dated 3 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"Order'd 3d Novr 1703." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 3. 108. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, laying copy of proceedings of a court martial held in Barbadoes before his lordship, as there were some things relating to

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Mr Cox, a sub-commissioner for the duty of 4½ per cent. in that island. Dated 3 Nov. 1703.

The copy referred to. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 109. Report of the Comrs for Prizes to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Captain Francis Wyvell, commander of her Majesty's ship the Barfleur, in the expedition at Vigo. They had no knowledge of his services, nor of the proportions of the bounty, &c. Dated 3 Nov. 1703.

The petition and another paper. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 110. "Additional scheme of the rects and payments of money arising by prizes from the commencemt of this present warr, to the 3d Novembr 1703, pursuant to the receipt of the Hoble the Commissrs of Accots, dated the 21st of Octobr 1703." [In tabular form.] 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 4.] 111. Petition of White Kennett, D.D., to the Lord High Treasurer. By eviction at common law he was put in possession of the curacy of Aldgate, by the impropriator, Samuel Brewster, Esq., and had performed the office and duty of parochial minister or curate for near four years, to the general satisfaction of the parish. Under the false suggestion of its being a presentative church, and in the gift of the crown, he had been vexed with suits, and one Zachary Wells (after two other litigious persons) had taken the broad seal for a pretended title, and pretended that the expenses would be defrayed by the Treasury; praying that he might prosecute his title at his own charge.

Minuted:—"4 Nov. 1703. Bring this on Frida morn." 1 *page.*

Nov. 5. 112. Memorial of Doctor Morley to the Comrs for Prizes. He served at Port St Marys and Vigo as Comr for sick and wounded, &c., and did the duty of physician in the fleet for seven months; by what he lost in his practice, &c., he was at least 1,000*l.* the worse, and he received but 10*s.* a day as physician general, &c. The Doctor was promised to be gratified out of the contingent money, but being brought on shore ill of a malignant fever, when the Duke was to return the remainder of the contingent money, his grace supposing he could not recover, paid it into the Treasury. He desired to share in the dividend to be made of the prizes taken at Vigo.

Minuted:—"Read 5th Nov. 1703. My Lord can doe nothing in it." 1¼ *pages.*

Nov. 8. 113. Letter of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the creditors of William Dicconson, Esq., for no further proceedings to be taken against the lands assigned to them for the repayment of their debts. Dated 8 Nov. 1703.

The petition was referred to the Ld High Treasurer on 26 Oct. 1703 and by him referred to Mr Borrett on 3 Nov., and then the Attorney General was consulted. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 114. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the representation of Mr Manley, the Deputy Post-

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master of Ireland, whose opinion was that some alterations were needed in the establishment of the Post Office at Dublin, giving an account of the duties performed by the officers and the improvements proposed. Dated 10 Nov. 1703.

With the above is a paper containing the present establishment and the proposed establishment, which is *minuted*:—"Approved." 4¼ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 115. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on a memorial of Edward Morse, referred to them on the 9th of June previously, as to transactions of the said Edward Morse, Francis Golling, and Mr Ralph Blackhall, in connection with the Penny Post Office. Dated 10 Nov. 1703.

Also another paper containing the articles on which the report was made.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. To be read at ye hearing." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 11. 116. Order in Council for the sale of old stores remaining in the different dockyards. Dated 11 Nov. 1703.

United is the account of the same, giving the articles and the quantities. 13 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 117. Letter from Mr Philip Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer, drawing attention to the appointment of Mr Woodcock, lately a distiller, to be a general surveyor in the Excise, and to the increase of revenue, sending two comparisons of the revenue. His joy was too great to be concealed, and he believed it would afford his Lordship a good degree of satisfaction. Dated 11 Nov. 1703. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 12. 118. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, sending such particulars as they conceived might deserve a regard, in case a new declaration of her Majesty's pleasure be made, relating to prizes in general. The accounts setting forth all prizes since the beginning of the war, and how they had been disposed of, were nearly ready. Dated 12 Nov. 1703.

The "particulars" referred to, also a letter from John Brewer to Mr Lowndes on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 119. Petition of six Deputy Commissaries of Musters in Ireland to the Queen, praying for the allowance of 10*s.* a day, which had been reduced to 5*s.*

On the back is:—"Dd by Collo. Pennyfather, Nov. 13th 1703." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 15. 120. Letter signed W. Whitfeild, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the mustering the Marine regiments. They were all on shore last year, so that they were mustered after the same method as the land forces, &c. This year the musters have been more difficult, since none of her Majesty's ships of war would willingly go to sea without marines. It shows also where the Commissioners were resident. At Portsmouth there "was a poor

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superannuated man that was rolled about in a wheelbarrow, fitter much to be amongst the invalids than to be a commissary. Dated 15 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"To be read on Wednesd^a morn." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 15. 121. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the controversy between Sir Peter Killigrew in behalf of the privileges of his quays and wharfs, within the port of Falmouth on one part, and the inhabitants and traders of the ancient burroughs of Penrin, Truro, and Helford of the other part. Their opinion was required whether the giving some further liberties to Penrin, Truro, and Helford would not increase the trade and be an advantage to the revenue. They reply that if the trade were singly to be considered without relation to the revenue it might be, the common received maxim would prevail, that the more open and free course it had, the more it would increase and enlarge itself; and on the other hand, if the revenue were singly to be considered, without regard to trade and the immunities, &c., of ancient companies and places of trade, then the more limited and circumscribed the places of importation and exportation were, the more easy it would be for the crown to manage its revenue, and upon this consideration they should readily subscribe to the opinion of their predecessors, that a custom house and collection at Falmouth would be sufficient; but since it was necessary to have regard to the trade and to the rights and privileges of corporations, and since the burroughs of Penrin and Truro were ancient ports and places of trade, and had time out of mind custom houses and collections there, and were as well as Falmouth members of the same head port of Plymouth, and were so set down and acknowledged to be in the return of the commission, which was executed in the year 1676; and since those custom houses had a right to take entries, as well as masters' reports inwards and outwards, it would be unreasonable to deny the merchants to ship and discharge their goods at their own ports, without being obliged to land their goods at Falmouth, and pay a duty to Sr Peter Killigrew's quays and wharfs. And if by the return of that commission the bounds of the port of Falmouth were unduly extended, in prejudice of the ports of Penrin and Truro, so as to comprehend all that deep water, where ships of burthen could only lie to take in and discharge their ladings, it would be to debar the burroughs of their natural rights to those waters, and before that commission, held and enjoyed in common with the port of Falmouth. It might not be unfit that a new commission should issue, to revise the former settlement, in which great care should be taken in the appointment of proper commissioners, and there shall be such a limitation of the quorum that the officers of the revenue be not overborne by persons of particular and private interest. They did not see that the giving the further liberties desired to the ports of Penrin and Truro would occasion much increase of the public charge. Although the port of Helford fell not directly under the same consideration, not being in the harbour, yet if a new commission were issued, it

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might not be unreasonable to revise the former settlement of that port. Dated 15 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—" 29th Novr 1703. A letter to be writt to the Comrs of the Customes to prepare a draught of such a Comon as they shall thinke necessary; with such Comrs & such quorum as they shall thinke proper." 2 *pages*.

[This case was argued before the Ld High Treasurer, and is fully entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XII. p. 148. 12 Nov. 1703.]

[About Nov. 16.] 122. Petition of the poor inhabitants of Shields, Tynemouth, and adjacent places, " quartered att Tynemouth Castle," to the Lord High Treasurer. They had subsisted a company of invalids one whole year on " 25th March next." Many of them old and helpless with families, who were a great burthen to the parish, which they themselves must be, unless her Majesty knew their grievances. They expected every day to be sent to gaol by the collectors of the taxes; praying for relief.

Minuted:—" Nov. 16th 1703. To be brought in to-morrow when the Duke of Malborough is here." 1 *page*.

[About Nov. 16.] 123. Petition of John Swalwell, Thomas Bone, John Graham, John Potts, and many others of her Majesty's tenants in Cumberland. They had laid the case before his Lordship and the other Lords of the Treasury from time to time for this ten years past of their great sufferings by the Lord Preston's officers. Their lands had not only been forced from them, but they had paid their rents over again to the King's Receiver General. They were reduced to great poverty, having neither bread nor habitation for their poor families, who formerly lived richly. At the death of Lord Preston their Lordships ordered an account to be taken of the arrears due to the Crown from the estate, which was in the hands of the Earl of Carlisle and Sir George Fletcher, being above 2,000*l.*, and 700*l.* in the hands of Mr Merriott. Their Lps ordered 200*l.* for present subsistence, which, when divided by Captn Baker, was 6*l.* per family; praying relief.

Minuted:—" 16 Nov. 1703. Mr Tailour to see wt these men have had already." Again, " 3d Apr. 1704. Dismiss ye peticon."

Also the account referred to. 2 *pages*.

Nov. 16. 124. Letter of Mary Nevill, relict and administratrix of the late Vice-Admiral Nevill, apparently addressed to Mr Loundes, to whose favour she had been recommended by Lord Burlington. The Lord High Treasurer had referred her case to Mr Parkhurst, whose opinion was that the money ought to be paid through the Comrs of the Navy; but this made her case the harder, as the Comrs of the Navy would not allow any sum without vouchers, and Mr Nevill dying in the West Indies, many of his papers and vouchers were lost, and if his Lordship would not allow this sum (laid out for the public) it was utterly lost. His Lordship could do it, as in Sir David Mitchell's case, who borrowed for his own use 900 pistoles at Calais

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at 23*s*., and was permitted to repay them here at 17*s*. If his Lordship pleased to mind the dates he would find the money was borrowed at the time the fleet came into Calais, after the mighty storm in which Sir Francis Wheeler was lost, and many of the ships much damaged, Mr Nevill being left the commander-in-chief without any contingent money. Dated 16 Nov. 1703.

Mr Parkhurst's report, her petition, and another paper on the same subject.

Minuted:—" 25 Jany 1703. My Ld is of ye same opinion wth this rept & directs Mr Parkhurst to prosecute ye recovery of this mony." 6 *pages*.

Nov. 16. 125. Letter signed " Pollycarpus Wharton " to the Lord [High Treasurer,] as to the passing a privy seal that the accounts of his father, Sir George Wharton, might be passed.

Minuted:—" 16 Nov. 1703. Let Mr Tailour make an abstract of this draught, & how ye ballance will stand thereupon." 1 *page*.

Nov. 17. 126. Report of Sir Chr Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to the Cotton Library. He says, " I have viewed the room now used for it in Cotton House, & find it in so ruinous a condition that it cannot be put in a substantial repair without taking down and rebuilding a good part of the dwelling house. I humbly propose the removing the sd library to a room that may be made convenient for it, over the ushers near the House of Lords, the plan whereof and estimate for fitting it up and repairing the other are annexed; & I humbly observe thereupon that tho' the proposed library will not be two fifths the expense of the other, yet 'twill be more capacious, and the access to it will be better. 'Twill also have a lodging room & closet over it for the library keeper, which the other is not capable of." Dated 17 Nov. 1703.

Accompanied by the estimate and plan.

Minuted:—" Read 29 Nov. 1703. To be layd before ye Queen, but first show it to ye Speaker." 3 *pages*.

Nov. 18. 127. Order in Council on the petition of Sir Polycarpus Wharton, Bart., relating to his keeping the Chilworth powder mills for the service of the crown 21 years at his own charge, and also as to the balance of his father's accounts; referring the latter part to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 18 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—" Read 3 Apr. 1704."

Copy of the petition. 3¼ *pages*.

Nov. 19. 128. Certificate by W. Forester and Anthony Rowe, as to the allowance to Robert Bedoe, for cleaning the street and public pavings before Whitehall, from Denham's buildings in Great Scotland Yard to King St, Westminster. Dated at the Board of Greencloth, Whitehall, 19 Nov. 1703. 1 *page*.

Nov. 19. 129. Presentment from the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer for impresting 1,000*l*. on the malt duty, &c. for incidents. Dated 19 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—" 7th Decr 1703. Agreed to." 1 *page*.

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Nov. 19. 130. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr George Murray, formerly Collector of Excise, who fled to Holland, but was then in Wood S^t counter; recommending that a composition be accepted for his debt. Dated 19 Nov. 1703.

Also the petition and three affidavits.

Minuted:—"7th Decr 1703. Agreed to upon the first clause in Parl. for comp^os." 6 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 131. "Abstract of the annual charge of forrage and waggon money for her Ma^tys forces in the Low Countries, according to what they received by the regulation during the late war." Dated 19 Nov. 1703. 1 *page.*

Nov. 20. 132. An accompt of all receipts and payments made by the Treasurer of the Ordnance between the 30th of June 1701 and the 20th of November 1703. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 133. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to the distribution of medals to the value of 55*l.* to the master, three mariners, and a boy, belonging to the "Leonora," a merchant ship taken by the French; "for their extraordinary courage on that occasion." Dated 22 Nov. 1703.

Enclosing the order from the Ld High Admiral, which states that after they were taken by the French and made prisoners in the ship, they set upon 13 Frenchmen which were ordered to sail her to France, whom they obliged to surrender the ship. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 22. 134. Presentm^t from the Postmasters General touching an establishment of a new post from Exeter to Truro. Addressed to the Ld High Treasurer. The Lord "Grandville" and several gentlemen of Cornwall had represented that the post road passed along the south coast of Cornwall, whereby several inland towns were under great disadvantages in their correspondence. They paid 2*d.* a letter beyond the postage, as they were served only by a bye post. Exeter, Plymouth, and Launceston had been consulted and a scheme proposed. They doubted whether the charge would be met by the increase of letters, especially when they considered the number of franks. They found by experience in other places, that where they had made the correspondence more easy and cheap, the number of letters had thereby much increased. Dated 22 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"Approved, but at 12 months end to rep̃sent to ye Tre̅rs how farr it answers ye charge." 1 *page.*

Nov. 22. 135. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, sending a report from the Com^rs of sick and wounded seamen, for his L^ps consideration. Dated Whitehall, 22 Nov. 1703.

The report is on a claim made by Captn Taylor, keeper of the Gatehouse, for lodging the French officers and other prisoners of war there.

The prisoners being removed from Oxford to the Gatehouse on Her Majesty's resentment of the hard usage of her subjects in

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France, the captain's directions were, to treat them as common prisoners; but upon application made by them he was directed to provide better accommodation for them at their own charge.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Nov. 1703. My Ld sees no reason why the Queen should be at any more charge than the 12l 6s 6d agreed to be pd by ye Comrs for sick & wounded." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 136. "An accot of all receipts and expences upon the sloopes employed in correspondence between the port of Falmo[uth] and all the English islands in the West Indies, beginning the 20th of August 1702 & ending the last of Octobr 1703." Dated 22 9ber 1703. 1 *page.*

Nov. 22. 137. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the claims of Phineas Bowles, Esq., agent for prizes in the fleet, commending him for his services, &c. During the hurry of business, occasioned by the Vigo booty, they appointed Captain Atkinson, agent for prizes in the port of London, which he took care of until called to Portsmouth, when Mr Roop was appointed. Mr Tirrell, their agent at Lisbon, had disposed of several prize ships, and sent home an account of the produce, and desired an allowance of 5*l.* per cent. for his agency, which they thought reasonable. Dated 22 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"A warrt for this." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 23. 138. Letter of J. Rosenkrank [to the Ld High Treasurer] as to what was due to the King his master for the 2,000 men sent into the service of the allies, and to the same King's troops in Flanders for recruits, forage, medicines, &c.; praying payment. Dated 23 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"Ref. this whole paper to Mr Fox & Mr Cardll, desire them to consider of ye answers to be given to every part." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

[About v. 23.] 139. Two petitions of John Peters to the Ld High Treasurer, for the stop to be taken off the Attorney General proceeding against the Lady Carteret, as to her title to the manors of Epworth, Stapleford, &c., which the petitioner maintained was in the crown, and of which manors he sought to obtain the grant. The second *minuted:*—"23 Nov. 1703. Respited." 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 23.] 140. Petition of Thomas Nelson to the Lord High Treasurer. He faithfully served Henry, Duke of Gloucester, until his death, and afterwards was sworn yeoman of the pantry to King Charles the Second. Still later he was sent as storemaster to Tangier, but in his passage thither was taken by the Algerines, where he continued eight years in miserable slavery. King James II. at his enlargement settled a pension of 4*s.* a day on him, which was in arrear six years and eight months, &c.; praying for his pension.

Minuted:—"23 Nov. 1703. My Lord can make no addicons to yt List." 1 *page.*

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1703. [About Nov. 23.] 141. Petition of the "parish" of Stonehouse, in the county of Gloucester, to the Queen. There was yearly paid out of that parish (besides tenths) to the receiver of her Majesty's quit rents for that county 6*l.*, and there was great want of a grammar school in the parish for the better education of the youth, that they might not be seduced from the Church of England by law established, as too many in those parts were; praying her Majesty to bestow the 6*l.* for the erecting the school. Signed by the vicar and seven others.

Minuted:—"23 Nov. 1703. Ref. to Mr Surveyr Genll." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 23.] 142. A paper stating that Dr Woodroffe, governor and tutor of the youths of the Greek Communion, residing in Oxford, had petitioned Her Majesty (1.) For an establishment for them to the number of ten to receive their education according to the Church of England. (2.) That several of them having been above three years under the care and at the sole charges of Dr. Woodroffe (excepting 200*l.* received of royal bounty), there might be a supply for the same amounting to about 1,100*l.* (3.) That prosecution might be stopped for 1,100*l.* for which the doctor was indebted as proprietor of one of the salt-rocks in Cheshire, the duty of which came to many thousands per annum. The cost of the youths could not be less than three or four hundred per annum. Her Majesty's reply was in favour of all these prayers; and the petitioner prayed that whatever was granted might be applied to pay off his debt for the duty of rock-salt.

The following document accompanies this paper and is in the same hand:—

"George & John Aptaloghi, two of the Greek youths who were under ye care of Dr Woodroffe, in Oxford, having ye last year been prevailed on to withdraw themselves from thence, upon pretence that they should have much better provision made for them, & be sent into their own countrey, as they should desire, & coming to London were furnisht with money for their voyage and had bills of exchange to be received in Holland, as ye most convenient place from whence to take ship for their own countrey.

"As soon as they were landed in Holland several persons were ready to receive & attend them (whom afterwards they knew to be priests of ye Romish Church), who treated them very kindly, carrying them from place to place, 'till being at the Hague they proposed to them to take boat to Middleburg.

"Being in the boat they found they were steering a quite contrary course, whereupon asking ye master of ye boat whither they were going, he told them 'twas whither he had orders to carry them; & so on they went, till they were brought to Antwerp. Going out of ye boat they askt Stephen Constantine (who was ye third who had made his escape from Oxford, & as it afterwards appear'd had long entertained a correspondence with Romish emissaries, having for above 3 years before sold himself & his brethren to them), where they were, who bid them fear nothing for they were safe, & thereupon pulled out of his pocket a purse from

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ye Govern^r of Flanders, & now they were sufficiently sensible how they were betrayed, as they afterwards found in all places they went thorow.

"At their landing at Antwerp they were welcom'd by 3 priests, who were to take care of them, who attended them to Mechlin & thence to Louvain, where they were presented to ye internuncio of ye Pope, who at ye first view of them said, *Homer is not here! That is not Homer!* pointing at the eldest of them. It seems their greatest aime was at him, & they were troubled he was not with them. This Homer is he who was ye eldest of them all, & is now in London, in order to return into his own countrey, he being already appointed to be druggerman in ye place of one lately deceas'd at Smyrna.

"Here they were ask't w^t money they had receiv'd, & they answering that they had receiv'd 50 guineas, they were told more was return'd for them, naming an 100 or 150 guineas more; but they averring they had receiv'd no more, ye person who put ye question said there must be an account taken of w^t moneys his holinesse had ordered for their use; for 'twas above 3 years since money had been order'd for them, & thereon ye person [viz.]* was named, who was appointed to manage that affair.

"And now they began to deale plainly with them, greately exclaiming against the English as ye worst of hereticks, & telling them that they were to renounce all their errors, & to be instructed that they might be receiv'd into the true Catholick Church. In order wherunto they were put into the Irish College, & often disputed with, to be convinced of their errors; but that not prevailing, they were told that his Holinesse had a desire to see them, & to Rome they must goe, where they should find what it was to offend an Apostolick Minister. And so they were sent to Paris, where ye Pope's Nuncio entertain'd them, beyond w^t they had ever seen; & to soften what had been said to them at Lovain, he told them of ye great love his Holiness had for them, & a letter of grace came to them from his Holiness, written in Greek, to confirm them therein.

"They had desired to have had some new cloaths but 'twas denyed, they being told y^t his Holiness had a great desire to see them in their own countrey habit, meaning ye habit they wore here in England & had travelled in, & are now return'd in ye same to London.

"From Paris they are sent to Avignion, & from thence to Marseilles, where they were shipt for Civita Vecchia; but ye master touching at Genoa, & giving them leave to walk about the streets, they found out ye English consul, relating to him how they had been decoyed from England, where they were under her Maties protection, & how they had been since treated, & that they were now sending to Rome to be put in ye Inquisition, & therefore begging his protection, who accordingly undertook to protect them, & having withstood all ye endeavours of the Romanists to recover them,

* *Sic in orig.*

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shipped them for Leghorn, from whence, by ye favour of ye consul there, they were put on board an English ship, in wch about a month since they arrived at ye port of London. Nov. 23, 1703." 2½ *pages.*

[? About Nov. 23.] 143. Memorial from Michael Studholm [Keeper & Guide of Roads], asking for certain allowances to messengers sent to give notice of the state of the roads, which were so bad that there would be no passage for her Majesty if she had occasion to go to the Bath next summer, and further that the Attorney Genl might prosecute certain parishes.

Minuted:—"23 Nov. 1703. The 4^l 15^s to be paid, but Mr Borrett to be here to-morrow at 9 ab^t this." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 144. Letter from John Sansom, Secretary to the Customs, to Mr Lowndes, as to passing certain arms and ammunition for the crown of Portugal duty free. Dated 23 Nov. 1703, with a list of the same.

Minuted:—"The customes being appropriated my Lord canot disch^a ye same." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 25. 145. Letter signed Geo. Clarke (Admiralty) to Willm Lowndes, Esqre, as to the money to be paid by the prize office to the Treasurer of the Navy, for medals to be given to the master, mariners, and a boy, belonging to the Leonora, about which his Royal Highness had issued an order, which he was not inclined to alter. Dated 25 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—"Send a copy to the Com^rs of Prizes. My Lord is of the same opinion as in ye letter." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 26.] 146. Memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Penzance and Mounts Bay, in the county of Cornwall, to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his Lordship the benefit they receive by the cruising on the coast of the frigate Sidny, under the command of Captn Richard Upton. They never had such service done by any ship of war in convoying vessels, &c.; praying for the continuance of the vessel, as some reports had been raised of laying her by. It is signed by the mayor and 30 others.

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1703. He is continued for some time." 1 *page* (*brief size*).

[? About Nov. 26.] 147. Petition of Nathaniel Senior to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for stay of process against him and Captain Stisted in the Court of Exchequer, and for a reference to the Attorney General.

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1703. Send to the Com^rs of Customes to speed their report." 1 *page.*

Nov. 26. 148. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to legislation on the question of the standard for the dimensions of the gallon and the butt or pipe. Dated 26 Nov. 1703. 1 *page.*

Nov. 26. 149. Letter of the Post Masters General to William Lownds, Esq., sending an abstract of an account of the receipts and disbursements

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of Mr Dummer, for carrying on a correspondence between Falmouth and her Majesty's Island Plantations in the West Indies, from the 20th of Aug. 1702 to the last of Oct. 1703; praying an imprest of 929*l.* 9*s.* for the balance due to him, &c. Dated 26 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—" 1,500l to be imprested upon acct. Send the accot, whereof here is an abstract, to ye Navy Board, to examine & report their opinion upon every article, and direct ye postmr to consider and agree upon a scheme for carrying on ye service for ye future, as effectually as is possible to ye publique & towd refunding the great charge of it." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 150. " Mr Attorney and Mr Solrs report touching the stamp dutys on the entrys of rules in the Courts of Queen's Bench & Common Pleas;" recommending that the officers of those courts be pardoned for their past neglect in writing the rules of the courts in the books and remembrances unstamped, it being an error in judgment and being without any benefit to themselves. Dated 27 Nov. 1703.

Also the " case."

Minuted:—" A sign manual for ye Queen to remitt wt is past, & for ye future ye Comrs to take care yt ye dutys be paid." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 27. 151. Letter from Charles Roudolf, Duke of Wurtemberg, to the Lord [? High Treasurer], reminding him of the arrears to the Danish troops. All the regiments had arrived in quarters except the new regiment of " Wurtemberg Oelse," which was at Bergenoproom, for which they could not procure a " patent " to march to Mastricht, where they were to have their winter quarters; praying payment without further delay. Dated 27 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—" To be read when Mr Fox is here." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 152. Report of Mr Wm Blathwayt and Mr A. Cardonnel on the memorial of Mons. Rosenkrantz, the Danish envoy, relating to sums due to the Danish troops in the joint pay of her Majesty and the States General. Dated 30 Nov. 1703.

Minuted:—" Read 10th Xbr 1703. Mr Sweet will be writt to p Mr Cardonal to comply wth all these arcles except ye last, wch wilbe taken care of in due time." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 153. Letter of Mr Thomas Byerley to the Lord [High Treasurer], sending an authentic copy of his accounts, which had been approved of by the Lord Cornbury (Governor of New York), the Deputy Auditor and Controller of the Custom House. The Governor designed to forward the accounts, but was at New Cesaria at the meeting of the Assembly there. The writer had begun to frame a rent roll of her Majesty's quit rents, and of the few he had registered he found most of them had not paid any quit rent since the time they had their patents granted them. Some were 18 or 16 years in arrears, and tho' the quit rent was but a small acknowledgement, yet when it was perfected he believed it would amount to a considerable sum. He found the patentees were very backward in bringing their patents to be registered, so that he designed, as soon

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as possible, to give in a list of some in every county of the province, to be prosecuted by the Attorney General for their neglect, which would quicken others, when they saw they must meet with the same usage if they delayed. He sent his Lordship the form he observed in entering those patents. Dated New York, 30 Nov. 1703.

Accompanied by the tabular form referred to, which is entitled: "A Rent Roll of the Quitt Rents reserved to her Majestie for ye lands in the province of New York, begun by Thomas Byerley, Collector and Receiver Generll of the said province, from yc 2d of October 1703 to yc 29 of Decembr 1704." *8 pages (brief size), and 2 other pages.*

Nov. 154. "An acct of the officers, non-commission officers and private souldiers dead, unmustered, and absent in the four following Regmts at their musters, taken in Oct. and Novr 1703." The regiments were Ld Charlemont's, Ld Donegall's, Brigr Hamilton's, and Major General Earle's.

Docquetted:—"Abstract of the officrs and soldiers respitted in the expedicon to the West Indies."

List of the officers who had the Queen's leave to be absent from their regts upon their going to the West Indies. *2½ pages.*

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Dec. 1. 1. "Copy of a paper sent by officers of ye works abt the damage done by ye late high winds, &c." Dated 1 Dec. 1703. *½ page.*

Dec. 1. 2. Letter signed R. Holt to Gregory King, Esq., Secretary to the Comrs for the Public Accounts, as to certain tallies. Dated Custom House, 1 Dec. 1703. *½ page.*

Dec. 3. 3. Petition of John Ford to Lord Godolphin, Treasurer of England. Some time after the discovery of the conspiracy to assassinate the late King William, the petitioner being informed that one Captn Joseph Saunders had been hired by several disaffected persons to convey Cardwell Goodman, one of the conspirators, Colll Ingram and Wm Obrian into France; on the said Saunders' return, caused him to be seized, and at great trouble and charge prevailed on him to make a full discovery of many very material things for the service of the then King and Government, to the great satisfaction of the Principal Secretary of State, to whom it also appeared, upon his

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examination, that the said Saunders had been a great agent for the French smugglers, as well as for the "Owlers." The said Saunders gave information respecting divers smugglers, upon which many of them fearing he would appear against them, caused him to be arrested for a fine imposed upon him for importing French silks; the petitioner knowing it would be a prejudice to the Government to lose the services of Saunders, borrowed the money (150*l.*) to pay off the execution, and the petitioner was then arrested for the sum borrowed; praying the money might be paid out of the Exchequer. Undated, but 3 Dec. 1703. See *Reference Book*, Vol. VII. p. 80.

Minuted thus :—"Ref. to Mr Baker." 1 *page.*

Dec. 3. 4. A state of the accompts relating to ye Revenue of Excise. Dated 3 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

Dec. 4. 5. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer, directing the Surveyor General to make forth a constat, or send to Mr Auditor for a particular of certain premises referred to in an accompanying report, to pass a lease for 99 years to James Duke of Ormond, in accordance with the accompanying report of the Surveyor. The premises, by the report referred to, appear to have been situated at Richmond. Dated 4 Dec. 1703.

The surveyor was then proceeding in a general survey of the whole manor of Richmond.

Minuted :—"Prepare a S.M. to authorize my Lord Tr. to make the lease desired wthout fine." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 6. "An estimate of wt customes, &c. are due to her Majty from ye old & new East Inda Compys." Dated 4 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 7. Letter from Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer. He had received letters from the New Forest giving an account of the great damage done there by the late storm, as well in the blowing down many trees as ruining the lodges, and in particular that of Bolderwood Walk, of which the Honble Mr Smith was master keeper. Asks for issue of a warrant to deliver to the Purveyor of the Navy above 1,000 trees fit for the navy, and to sell the rest, that they might not be stolen, for upon this occasion the country people were very busy. Many hundred trees had been blown down in the Forest of Dean which might be sold upon the issue of a warrant, &c. There was great damage done in several parks and forests, the walls and pales being blown down, which he had ordered to be temporarily shored up, to keep the deer in, till an estimate could be made for a thorough repair of the same. Asks for directions. Dated 6 Dec. 1703.

Minuted :—"Let him report & mark what is fitt for ye Navy. Prepare a S.M. to deliver the same by indenture. Prepare a warrt for him to make a survey of all the timber blowne downe, and to secure & sell the same (not being fitt for shipping) for her Mats use, & to make an estimate of all necessary repaires." 1 *page.*

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Dec. 6. 8. Letter from Mr Charles Bertie to the Lord [High Treasurer ?] as to his final account of the ordnance, which he was anxious to have passed by the auditors. Dated 6 Dec. 1703.

Also certificate of Christopher Musgrave, Clerk of the Ordnance, in relation to the same. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 9. Report of Mr Edwd Wilcox upon a memorial annexed from the Comrs of the Navy, representing the great advantage it would be if liberty could be had to cut heath and furze in the New Forest, for "breeming" her Majesty's ships at Portsmouth. He had well considered the matter, but lest any clamours might afterwards arise, had consulted the keepers of the respective walks, as also some of the regarders living on that side the forest, who all joined in opinion that furze and heath might very well be spared out of the said walks to supply her Majesty's dockyard at Portsmouth, without any prejudice to the vert and venison; provided those persons who should be appointed by his Lordship's warrant to cut it might be directed by the keepers. If he was not misinformed the persons who then sold most to the dock cut it in the forest. Dated 6 Dec. 1703.

The memorial referred to, and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrt fro ye Queen that such person as shalbe apptd by the C. of Navy shall have the liberty with restrictions prout the report." 4 *pages or parts.*

Dec. 7. 10. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of Mr Stephen Coven, late Collector of Excise for Exeter, as to the robbery of the mail, when certain Exchequer bills were transmitted, recommending an allowance to the petitioner. Dated 7 Dec. 1703.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

The petition, a list of Exchequer bills, and a certificate. 3 *pages and a few lines.*

Dec. 7. 11. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer upon a letter from William Lawrence to the Duchess of Marlborough, wherein he proposed to gain several thousands of pounds annually, in collecting the duties on marriages, &c., if a few additional clauses were added to the Act. They could form no judgment, not having seen the clauses, but nothing would be of use unless there was more strictness in carrying out the Act. Dated 7 Dec. 1703.

Minuted:—"18 Jan. 1703. My Lord dos not think this a proper time to press severe clauses." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 12. "A particular of all remittances made on accot of the $\frac{40}{m}$ men, sheweth the time when, by whose bills, at what rate, and the loss of exchange occasioned thereby." "A particular of all remittances made on accot of the troops of augmentacõn; showing the time when, by whose bills, at what rate, and the loss of Exch. occasioned thereby." Signed "Cha. Fox."

From the docquet it appears to be to the 8th of Dec. 1703. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 8. 13. Report of the Attorney General on a proviso in a warrant to prevent stock jobbing, and the amendments thereof proposed by Lord Fairfax. His opinion was the clause had better be omitted than amended. Dated 8 Dec. 1703.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 14. Letter from the Com^rs of Revenue, Dublin, to the Ld High Treasurer, sending a view of the gross produce of Her Majesty's revenue of Ireland, in the quarter ended 29 Sept. last, compared with the same in that quarter of the previous year. Dated 8 Dec. 1703.
The paper referred to not now with it. ½ *page.*

Dec. 9. 15. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Seyliard, Gent., late Receiver General in the county of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, for the duties on houses, marriages, &c.; as to an over payment on one part of the duties being applied to pay the other duties. Dated 9 Dec. 1703.
The petition and a certificate. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 9. 16. Report of Mr William Blathwayt, on the petition of Captain Gardiner, in behalf of the regiments of Col. Handasyd and Col. Livesay, in Jamaica, viz., as to their clearings and musters. Dated 9 Dec. 1703. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 17. "A state of the pay of the regiments of foot, late Brigad^r Colenbine's, now Col^o Rivers's, Lieut^t Generall Erles, Brigad^r Gustavus Hamilton's, Lord Donnegall's, and Charlemont's, to the 24th of Decr 1703 incl., according to the establishm^t, no muster rolls being as yet return'd for the said regim^ts." Dated 10 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

Dec 11. 18. Letter from the Com^rs for sick and wounded to the Secretary of the Admiralty, as to an English prisoner brought from France, presumed to have been taken in a merchant ship; praying directions from his Royal Highness as to merchant seamen brought from France and unable to travel to their dwellings. Dated 11 Dec. 1703.
Accompanied by copy of a letter from the mayor and bailiffs of Weymouth, as to this case.
Minuted:—"15 X̃ber 1703. To be read w^n D. Marlborough is here." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 19. Letter signed C. Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an extract of a letter from Sir George Rooke, relating to credit to the agent of transports in Holland, for refitting transport ships designed for the Portugal expedition, which suffered in the late great storm. Dated 11 Dec. 1703.
Also the extract. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 13. 20. Letter from Mr Wm Blathwayt to Mr Lowndes, enclosing three papers, (1) about two regiments in Jamaica, (2) about an

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information of a prize taken in the West Indies, and (3) about a discovery of lands in the province of Maryland; to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 13 Dec. 1703.

The papers not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 14. 21. "An acco^{t} of what has been paid by ye Earle of Ranelagh on acco^{t} of contingencies of ye guards & guarrisons for ye year 1702; as also what is more charged on that head which remaines yet unsattisfyed." Dated 14 Dec. 1703. 2 *pages.*

[About Dec. 14.] 22. Petition of Henry Wolstenholme, younger son of Sir Thomas Wolstenholme, Bart., deceased, to the Ld High Treasurer, as to certain sureties accepted by him when Receiver of duties from the English plantations, who had become insolvent; praying to be heard by counsel, and for proceedings to be stayed.

Also, copy of a previous petition and another paper.

Minuted:—"14 Dec. 1703. My L^{d} will speak wth ye Com^{rs} Customes next time they come." *Again:*—"Read 20th X^{br} 1703. Mr Attor. saies if he used his best endeavour, and the suretys afterw^{ds} became insufficient, the verdict wilbe for him; but Mr Bridges saies the suretys were insufficient at ye time, & ye Com^{rs} say he took diverse insufficient securitys." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 23. Report of Mr Edw. Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer. The petition of the keepers of the Forest of Dean, in the county of Gloucester (praying payment to them of 385*l.* due to them at Midsummer for preserving the young wood and repairing the fences), was true. Trees had been cut in accordance with a warrant to pay for salaries, and the sums realized paid into the Exchequer, recommending allowance to the keepers. Dated 14 Dec. 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Let Mr Tilson see if ye money be in ye Exchequ^{r}, & whether issud to any other use. However, wood is to be cutt for ye paying of all y^{t} is now due to them."

Then follows a report of Mr Tilson as to the money from the same sales. 2 *pages and* 2 *quarters.*

Dec. 14. 24. Letter of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to Mr Lowndes on the affairs of their office. Dated 14 Dec. 1703.

Also extract of a letter from Mr John Colman, agent for prizes in New England, as to his Majesty's share of prizes. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 25. Letter from Captn Ed. Harris to the Ld High Treasurer, asking him to move her Majesty for the continuance of her bounty. There are two or three minutes on the dorse, the first is on 23 Dec. 1703, and the last "1 Feb. 1703. He must be contented wth his pencõn on Mr How's establishm^{t}." Dated 15 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

Dec. 15. 26. "The cofferer's memoriall." A paper thus docquetted applying for the issue of 8,648*l.* 14*s.* 7¾*d.* Signed "Ben. Bathurst." Dated 15 Dec. 1703.

Another paper containing the separate items. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 15. 27. Report of the Officers of Works on the petition of Charles Hopson, joiner. There was due to him 10,587*l.* 17*s.* 4¼*d.* Dated 15 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

Dec. 16. 28. Letter from the Commissioners of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, upon the petition of Sir Edward Deering, enclosing a report made by the Navy Board on 10 Dec. 1680, concerning his claims [for naval stores supplied], not being able to give any other account of the matter. Dated 16 Dec. 1703.

The report and other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"2 Feb. 1703. My Lord can do nothing in this." 10 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Dec. 17. 29. Memorial of the two East India Companies as to the valuation of unrated goods imported by them, signed by the two secretaries. Dated 17 Dec. 1703.

Also divers other papers on the same subject. 15 *pages.*

[About Dec. 17.] 30. Petition of the Lady Mary Kirke for herself and son, Percy Kirke, Esq., housekeeper of the palace of Whitehall, praying the allowance of 100*l.* a year to Robert Bedoe, under housekeeper at Whitehall, for cleansing the streets before the palace twice a week.

Minuted:—"100l a year from Michas 1703, out of the office of ye works, but the officers of ye works are to take care that this be duly performed, and to stop the payment when it is not."

Undated, but see *King's Warrant Book,* Vol. 15, p. 135, where is the warrant for payment. 1 *page.*

Dec. 17. 31. Memorial of the Commissioners of the Revenue of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the accounts and other papers of the forfeitures delivered to them by the late trustees. The arrears of rent due from forfeited estates amounted to upwards of 51,000*l.*, and they relate their difficulties in obtaining the same, and carrying out their other duties. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 17 Dec. 1703. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 18. 32. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the petition of Richard Stacey, master bricklayer to her Majesty, as to what there was due to him for work at Kensington, Hampton Court, and elsewhere. The debt amounted to 6,481*l.* 0*s.* 11½*d.* Dated 18 Dec. 1703.

Minuted:—"7 July 1703. There is no mony at present for arrears."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 33. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to superseding Mr Francis Bromfeild, one of the receivers for the county of Sussex; recommending that his commission for the land tax and subsidies should also be superseded, and that Anthony Springett, the other receiver, should be appointed. Dated 18 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 20. 34. Report of Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, as to what timber or money by sale of decayed trees within the forests of Wittlewood and Saulsey might be had, to enable her Majesty to make a grant to the borough of Warwick, to finish the church of St Mary and for relief of distressed sufferers. He certifies that there is no timber or decayed trees that can be spared in Saulsey Forest. There was already a warrant for raising 225*l.* in Whittlewood Forest for the inhabitants of the parish of All Saints in Oxford, towards rebuilding their church; 400*l.* more might be raised without prejudice to the forest. Dated 20 December 1703.

Letter from Mr Lowndes on which the report is made. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 35. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, and Anthony Parsons, auditor, on the petition of the poor people inhabiting within the alms-houses belonging to the parish of St Benedict's, Glaston (co. Somerset). They found that the alms-houses were the Queen's, that the petitioners had a pension of 37*l.* per ann. paid them by the Receiver General for their support, and that the houses were repaired by the crown in 1620, and again about 1693, when the charge came to 150*l.*, which was directed to be paid out of the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwal. It would now require about 75*l.* to put the roofs and timber work in necessary repair. Dated 21 Dec. 1703.

The petition and two certificates signed by the parish officers and inhabitants. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 36. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, on the petition of the wives of the company of seamen of H.M. ship Lyme, as to claims made by them to prize money. Dated 21 Dec. 1703.

The petition and another paper relating thereto. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 37. Extracts from a minister's account of the 24th year of King Charles II., with a certificate at the foot by Henry Shales, auditor, that the sum of 4*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* was not a rent charge on any particular person, but was part of an *ipsum* on the bailiff, and had been by mistake yearly charged and carried on in the receiver's accounts from 1674 to 1698. Dated 22 Dec. 1703. 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 23.] 38. Memorial of Henry Lord Herbert, executor of his father Sir Henry Herbert, Knt, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for payment of an arrear of 1,328*l.* 3*s.* due to his father, Sir Henry Herbert, Knt, master of the revels, whose accounts were stated and declared July 8, 1673.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1703. My Ld should be glad to oblige my Ld Herbert, but cannot create a precedt of paying arrears so remote." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 23.] 39. Petition of the Provost and Fellows of Eton College for an arrear of 73*l.* 10*s.* due from King William upon their perpetuity.

Minuted:—"23 Dec. 1703. To be paid out of arrears." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 23.] 40. Petition of John Peters to the Queen. When first clerk in the office of Guy Palmes, Esq., one of the Tellers of the Exchequer,

he was a great loser by the re-coinage, and had made several applications to the Treasury, upon which he was encouraged to hope if he could find out something disposable by his Majesty he was inclined to recompense him. In August 1701 he had proposed some concealed estates to the Com^rs of the Treasury which were reported on. He had liberty to proceed against the Lady Carteret for the recovery of the manors of Epworth, Stapleford Abbots, &c., by advice of the Attorney General, to try the Queen's title, in order to obtain a grant of the same manors in compensation for his losses; since which the Attorney Genl had orders not to proceed, and a bill was to be introduced to the House of Commons as to the lands, &c. He had been in confinement 2½ years; prays relief.

Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1703. My Ld. can give no order whilst ye bill depends, but he thinks he ought to apply to ye Com^tee for a consideracon for his discovery." 1 *page.*

[Dec. 23.] 41. A state of the acco^t of Robert Lucy, Esq., receiver of the temporalties of the Bishopric of St Davids'.

Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1703. He must pay ye ballance of his acco^t into ye Excheq^r, or else process to issue." 3 *pages.*

[About Dec. 23.] 42. Petition of John Crowne, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. His wants are more than he is able to bear, and his debts more than he is able to pay; prays relief.

Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1703. To have 50^li paid." 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 23. 43. Report of Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the allowance for watering the roads of the Ring in Hyde Park for the summer of 1703. Dated 23 Dec. 1703.

Minuted:—" 3 Feb. 1703. To be paid as usual."

The petition and a list of the persons whose carts were employed, with their signatures. 3 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 23.] 44. Petition of Anthony Rowe to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for an allowance of 592*l.* 4*s.* for keeping the fowls in St. James' Park.

Minuted:—" 23 Dec. 1703. To be laid before ye Queen."

Also two accounts of money laid out on and about the island in St James's Park, and a letter from Sir J. Stanley on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 45. "A computation of the charge of the forces for Portugall according to the establishment to the 24th of December 1703." 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 46. "A computation of the ordinary pay of the 20,000 men augmentation between England & Holland, from the respective times of their entering into pay to the 24th of December 1703." 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 47. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer], as to an increase of salary to the land surveyors in the port of London, enclosing a report of four days earlier date in their favour, in which they state their belief that the duties were injurious

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and hazardous to their health, more in proportion having been sickly and died in that office than in any other. Dated 24 Dec. 1703.

Their petition is also enclosed.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 48. Regulation of the subsistence for the forces in Holland from the 25th of December 1703. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 49. An establishment of the six Marine regiments commencing 25 Dec. 1703. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 25. 50. An accot of the ordinary and extraordinary expense of her Majesty's household and stables, payable by the cofferer for one quarter ended at Christmas last, 1703. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 51. Memorial of Mons. Giraudeau to the Lord [High Treasurer], for sums due in the Treasurer of the Chambers' office, "for a quarter on the established allowance of wages." 1 *page.*

Dec. 30. 52. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on an extract from a representation made by the Comrs for Trade and Plantations, relating to a private trade carried on in the plantations contrary to Act of Parliament. Whilst we abstained from private correspondence and commerce with the Spanish nation, the Dutch contrived by all ways and means to engage the Spaniards to a commerce with them, and for the better ingratiating themselves with that people, had called in their privateers and enjoined a free and open trade with the Spaniards, far greater than ever. The Comrs asked that her Majesty might be moved to represent the same to the States General for their direction. Also as to commodities carried to the Dutch to be vended by them to the Spaniards. And the like inconveniences happen between her Majesty's plantations and the Danish colony at St Thomas's, &c. Dated 30 Dec. 1703.

The extract referred to. 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 7. Dec. 30. 53. A parcel of letters signed by the Comrs of the Navy addressed to Mr Lowndes or the Treasurer of the Navy on naval business. [In all probability entered in the navy letter books.] Between 7 Jan. 1702–3 and 30 Dec. 1703.

54. A monthly account of the fees to the officers of the Treasury for the year 1703. 35 *pages and parts of pages.*

THE FOLLOWING UNDATED PAPERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OF THE YEAR 1703:—

55. Petition of Joseph Paice, Charles Lodowick of London, merchant, and John Champante, Esq. They had supplied John Nanfan, Esq., then Lieut.-Governor of New York, with 1,260*l.*, for subsisting the forces; praying payment of their bills. Undated, but after 1702.

A particular account of the bills drawn. 2 *pages.*

56. "Queries relating to Mr Nicholas his establishment." The paper consists apparently of a list of persons to whom the royal

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bounty was paid, with some notes as to what had become of them, &c. 2 *pages, quarto.*

57. Petition of Thomas Browne addressed to the Ld High Treasurer. He was huntsman to King Charles II. on the Restoration, until sent to Holland with 20 couples of hounds and six horses to the Prince of Orange, who kept him in his service till about two years before his death, when he pensioned the petitioner (being 70 years old) with 50*l.* per annum out of the privy purse. The pension was stopped and the petitioner was very distressed, having a wife and seven children; praying his Lordship to represent his case favourably to the Queen. No date. 1 *page.*

58. Memorial of the Controllers of the accounts of the army, whose patent had been renewed; praying her Majesty to bear the charge. [There were fresh appointments of Controllers of the Army on 26 April 1703. See *Minute Book*, Vol. XII. p. 77.] 5 *lines.*

59. A general abstract of the regiments of the Earl of Donnegal, Lord Charlemont, Lieut.-Genl Erle, and Brigadier Gustavus Hamilton, shewing the totals of pay, &c. [Howe then paymaster.] 1 *broad sheet.*

60. Petition of the masters of ships using the coal trade between Newcastle and London, whose bonds and securities were forfeited by being forced over sea by danger of privateers or distress of weather; some in the late dreadful hurricane, others in violent storms before or since; praying that the customs might be paid in, and the petitioners' bonds discharged.

This was referred to the Com^rs^ of Customs to report on.

The hurricane referred to was on 26 Nov. 1703. 1 *page.*

[? About 1703 or 1704.] 61. Petition of Henry Newton, LL.D., Advocate General to his Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, Lord High Admiral of England, &c., praying to be put into the establishment as one of the Advocates for Prizes (having been for several years Advocate General to the Admiralty), as he found he was left out, contrary to constant usage and right, whereby too he was rendered unable to act for her Majesty, and by being advocate to the Lord High Admiral was thereby incapable of being retained in that court in causes for claimants against her Majesty. Undated, but after the declaration of war.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak with Com^rs^ of Prizes to-morr. morning." 2 *pages.*

62. "Compt^rs^ for ye affaires of the forces, proposall for an establishm^t^," shewing what their duties would be, and how the expenses of the office were estimated. Messrs How, Fox, and Whitfield were paymasters. 1 *page.*

63. "An acco^t^ of what has been rece^d^ by the Earle of Ranelagh on acco^t^ of the 40,000 men acting in conjunction with her Maties allies, in part of 700,000*l.* given towards the charge of the year ending the

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24th of Decr 1702, and how the same has been by him remitted to Mr Benjn Sweet, his deputy in Holland, or paid on accot of the said forces here in England." 3 *pages.*

64. "A view of the grosse produce of her Majesties revenue in Ireland on the two quarters ended at Lady-day." Also for the two following quarters, viz., to Michaelmas. Signed "W. Burgh, accomptt genl." 2 *pages.*

65. Form of a circular requiring officers of the ordnance to produce a true account of ordnance stores, &c. 2¼ *pages.*

66. Several papers or drafts relating to the affairs of the Comrs of Accounts. 18 *pages or parts of pages.*

67. Petition of the Lady Letitia Russell, widow and executrix of the late Lord Robert Russell, deceased, late Clerk of the Pipe, the secondaries and sworn clerks there, John Potenger, Esq., Controller of the Pipe, and Henry Ballow and John Smith, Deputy Chamberlains in the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant for payment of their fees to Midsummer, 1703. 1 *page.*

68. Memorial of Charles, Lord Halifax, Auditor of the Receipt, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant to alter a tally. 1 *page.*

69. "1703. Money and bonds in ye hands of ye Collrs of the Out Ports Customs." 1 *page.*

70. "Liste of the severall sommes charged payables upon the rent of the Royall Oake lottery."

Docquetted:—"List of the late Lottery pencõners."

It shows the services for which the pensions were granted. 1 *page* (*brief size*).

Also another paper, containing "Pensions payables by the Farmers of the Royal Oake Lottery." Perhaps a little later. 1 *page, quarto.*

71. Two papers containing (1) sums "due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office on warrts signed by the Lord Chamberlain, for service performed since the 8th of March 1701;" (2) "to clear what is due in the Treärer of the Chambers to Lady-day last, 1703."

This last minuted:—"Lett Mr Tailer examine all these arcles and make his observacõns." 2 *pages.*

72. "An abstract of the several Acts for licensing hawkers and pedlars, for a further provision of interest for the transport debts." Printed by the Queen's printers, 1703. 1 *large page.*

73. Petition of George Murray and Allin Garrard, prisoners in Wood Street Compter, to the Lord High Treasurer. The petitioners had been nearly three years confined at her Majesty's suit. They prayed to be allowed to compound being defaulters, apparently to the Excise. 1 *page.*

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74. Draft of an order to prepare a bill for the royal signature, containing an indenture, whereof one part was to be executed by Thomas Frederick, of the city of London, Esq., and the other part was to pass under the Great Seal, in the form therein given, relating to the lease of messuages in the parish of St Olave, Old Jury, London, in which premises was intended to be kept the Office of Excise. 7 *pages* (*brief size*).

75. Abstract of papers to be laid before the Queen, relating to the following persons and things, viz.: the Duke of St Albans, Col. Philip Howard, Dame Susanna Meredith, the officers of the Chapels Royal at Whitehall and St. James', Officers of the Works, Principal Officers of the Ordnance, encroachments in St James' Park, Mr Wise's memorial, Col. Seymour as to plate for the Chapel at Maryland, and Mary the widow of Col. Dimock. With minutes against them. 2 *pages*.

76. Proposal made by some person whose name does not appear, to procure for the Government 50,000*l*. before Michaelmas, out of estates forfeited since 13 Feb. 1688, which were then possessed by several persons in Ireland, without colour of law or equity, provided some person of interest would procure the Queen's commission, with a letter at the foot signed Wm Killigrew to the Lord High Treasurer, offering to bring "the party" to put it in hand if the proposal was fit to be done, and he would be rewarded.
Minuted:—"[M]ake his proposicõn in writing." 1 *page*.

77. Memoranda as to sums due to clear the civil and military lists, &c., referring also to three papers not now with this paper. 1½ *pages*.

78. An estimate of the expense for sea service for the year 1703. 1½ *pages*.

79. Extract from a letter from Mr Lowndes to the Lord High Treasurer, dated 27 Aug. 1703, and a report from the Controllers of the affairs of the forces, as to the invalids on the establishment of Chelsea Hospital, accompanied by a list of the names of the men, their ages, and years of service, with a note against most of them that they were wounded, &c. 17 *pages*.

80. State of the debt of the four regiments lately in the West Indies. The regiments were Lord Donegal's, Lord Charlemont's, Brigadier Gustavus Hamilton's, and Lieut.-General Earle's. 2 *large pages*.

81. A paper *docquetted*:—"The grants for 1703," for army, navy, ordnance, &c. 2 *pages*.

82. Petition of Michael Studholme, Esq., Keeper of Her Majesty's Private Roads, to the Queen. Mr Andrew Lawrence in the reign of King Charles II. obtained a patent for an office of Surveyor General of his Majesty's Roads, and having been guilty of many indirect practices and oppressions, as was found by inquisition in April 1690, his office was forfeited and granted to the petitioner, to whom

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there was then due 2,236*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* Since the late King's death, Lawrence and one Parry had made application for the employment; prays to be continued.

Also another statement of his case. 2 *pages.*

83. Petition of Col. Colepeper to the Lord High Treasurer, showing that there remained due to the crown on Major Clerke's account for the hearth money 1,000*l.*, that Sir Ph. Warwick bequeathed the manor of Frognall and his lands in Chiselhurst, Foots Cray, and Paulins Cray, in Kent, to his nephew, Henry Clerke, eldest son of Major Clerke, the King's debtor, who also inherited divers lands at Endford in Wiltshire charged with the debt; that Ph. Warwick [son of Sir Philip], petitioner's brother [in law], gave all his estate to his cousin, Eliz. Clerke (afterwards Graswick), daughter to Major Clerke, the King's debtor, with certain conditions. The said Ph. Warwick gave the use of 6,000*l.* which was extorted from the petitioner upon a corrupt and usurious bargain, to receive 2,500*l.* a year for the use of the 6,000*l.*, and was thereby forfeited to the petitioner, and considering he (*i.e.* Ph. Warwick) had several debts to pay, contracted before and since he was Envoy Extraordinary from King Charles II. to the King of Sweden, and about 3,000*l.* being due to him from King Charles, he desired that sum should go to pay his debt, and the surplus, if any, he left to Mrs. Grasswick during her life, so that she was only a legatee and executrix in trust for the Countess of Holderness [petitioner's sister]. Elizabeth Graswick, under pretence of the will, had seised on the testator's real and personal estate in England and Sweden, to the value of much more than 1,000*l.*, which the testator gave her, whereby her estate in the testator's estate determined. The Countess of Holderness [petitioner's sister] being dead, had left the petitioner her executor, from whom the said Elizabeth Graswick had extorted the 6,000*l.*; and now she had sold divers lands, subject to the King's debt of 1,000*l.* due from Major Clerke, and endeavoured to recover 3,000*l.* then in the Queen's hands, to which she had no title, being only executrix in trust for the petitioner, whereby he would be disabled from paying the money he owed the Queen; prays that no part of the 3,000*l.* in the Queen's hands might be paid to the said Graswick, but that it might be employed to pay the 1,000*l.* due from Major Clerke, and also from the petitioner, and that extents in aid might speedily issue to levy the 18,000*l.* and other moneys due to the petitioner, to enable him to pay the debts to the Queen.

Another petition from him to the Queen, in which he says he owed the crown for rent for the customs, &c. many thousand pounds, which he could not pay until divers persons who owed him 157,000*l.* paid him; he had discovered that the amount was in the Queen's hands, pretended to be lent to her, &c.; prays that it might be sequestered, &c. On the dorse is: "ye pet^r^ is mad." 2½ *pages.*

84. "Add^l^ list of countys to be paid by Mr Nicholas."
The most recent is from Midsummer, 1703. 7 *pages.*

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85. Memoranda as to the Controller of Customs' accounts for Bristol. 3 *pages.*

86. Articles of Mr Foxe's memorial, with minutes in the margin. [Paymasters' affairs.] Date uncertain. 2 *pages, torn.*

87. Observations upon the general account of moneys given by the Parliament, and issued for the 10,000 men sent to the assistance of the States General in the year 1701, and for the 40,000 men that acted in conjunction with the troops of the allies the year following. The paper seems to have been drawn out in the year 1703, as at the end it speaks of the present year 1703. 4 *pages.*

88. "Abstract of ye charge of ye hospitalls in Holland, &c. for ye yeare 1703." 1 *page, quarto.*

89. A paper relating to a grant of a lease to be made to Sir Salathiel Lovell, Knt, of property lately belonging to Joseph Horton attainted of high treason, called Cotton Abbots, *alias* Cotton Hooke, in the parish of Chistleton, in the co. of Chester and in the county of the city of Chester.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XII. p. 55, is some mention of this estate in connection with Sir Salathiel Lovell. 2¼ *pages.*

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Jan. 4. 1. Letter of Robert Delavall to "ye Chanccellor," asking to be put into a stamper's place in the stamp office. Dated 4 Jan. 1703–4. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 4. 2*a*. Letter from Mr John Sansom to William Lowndes, Esq., sending copy of an account of gold or silver exported for India or China since Michaelmas last, previously sent to the Comrs for Trade and Plantations. Dated 4 Jan. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 2*b*. Memorial of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for a warrant to enable them to pay themselves and the officers their salaries. Dated 5 Jan. 1703.

Also, an acct of salaries due.

Minuted :—"Ordered." 1¼ *pages.*

Jan. 7. 3. "A list of the tallies, letters, and orders deposited in ye paymasters hande for Her Mate guards and garrisons, for the saving of the interest from the 7th Janry 1703–4." Dated 7 Jan. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

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1703–4. [About Jan. 5.] 4. Petition of the Duke of Bolton and others to the Ld High Treasurer, relating to allowances to Mr Thomas Cobb, late Receiver General of the Taxes for the county of Southampton. Referred 5 Jan. 1703 to the Agents for Taxes. 1 *page.*

Jan. 5. 5. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Hannah, the wife of William Tucker of Axminster, in the county of Devon. He found that William Collins mentioned in the petition was an idiot, "a nativitate," and was never seized of any real estate, but was possessed of sums of money, goods, &c., amounting to 950*l.*, and that the petitioner was his mother. By law the rent and profits of an idiot's estate belonged to the crown, only finding fit maintenance for the idiot, and rendering the estate after the death of the idiot to the heir, but not accountable for the past profits; her Majesty might grant the custody of the idiot and the management of the estate as prayed. Dated 5 Jan. 1703.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^t^ accordingly." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 6. Letter from Mr Isaac Newton to the Lord [High Treasurer], laying before his Lordship the desire of the Warden and Controller of the Mint and the Assay Master for the charge of her Majesty's tin, and when his Lordship should resume the consideration of lodging the tin in the Tower, he was ready to serve her Majesty. Dated Jan. 6. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"25 Jany 1703. My Lord doth intend that ye tin shall be received & disposed by ye officers of ye Mint." 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 8. 7. Report of Richard Crawley to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Francis de Last, executor of Sir Paul Ricaut, deceased, as to seizure and condemnation of a ship. Dated Doctors' Commons, 8 Jan. 1703.

Minuted:—"18 Jan. 1703. A sign manual for ye 3^d^ part of ye 395 12 6." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 8. Letter from Edmund Dummer, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer in respect to his accounts for his charge of the sloops employed in carrying on a correspondence between Falmouth and the English islands of the West Indies, which would not pass an examination at the Navy Office; notwithstanding they were well and regularly kept. Dated 10 Jan. 1703–4.

Also the reasons why they would not pass.

Minuted:—"11 Jan. 1703. My Lord will speak with the C. of the Navy." *Again:*—"2 Feb. 1703. My Lord will speak wth the Postmar Gen^ll^ on Fryday morning." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the constitution of Mr Arnold Sansom as Controller upon the issues and payments of the Receiver General of the Customs. Dated 10 Jan. 1703.

Copy of the constitution referred to. 3 *pages.*

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Jan. 11. 10. "An abstract of the extraordinarys to the foreign troops." 1 *page.*

Jan. 11. 11. Letter from Mr Secretary Hedges to the Ld High Treasurer, sending notice that the Queen had added two packet boats to the four that carry her Majesty's letters to Holland, and one to the three that carry her letters to Lisbon, for orders to be made thereon. Dated 11 Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"Direct the post Mrs to provide ye pacqt boat for Lisbon, & as to ye other to send my Lord their opinion in writing, whether they will give* promote ye dispatch of ye pulliq service." Dated 11 Jan. 1703. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 11. 12. Letter of the Comrs of Trade to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the exemption from taxes of their subordinates. Dated 11 Jan. 1703–4.

With a list of the names and the salaries. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 13. Letter from Mr R. Murray to the Lord [High Treasurer], offering to give a further explanation of his scheme for tin, eulogising his Lordship, and asking for the royal bounty. Dated 12 Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"25 Jany 1703. My Ld will employ him when he can find any thing proper for him." 1 *page.*

Jan. 13. 14. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary Martin, widow and executrix of Henry Martin, collector of Excise and of the duties on malt and leather, as to a debt of her husband's. Dated 13 Jan. 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Agreed to ye rept & direct them to proceed to recover ye debt as fast as they can." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 13. 15. Copy of an opinion of the Attorney General to the Comrs of Trade and Plantations, on the levying the 4½ per cent. in the part of St. Christopher's acquired from the French. Dated 13 Jan. 1703. [The copy probably made a good deal later.] 2 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 16. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, asking him to order 36*l.* to be repaid to Mr Stepney, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Vienna, he having paid that amount to Mr Halley. Dated 14 Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"25 Jany 1703–4. Ordered out of secret service." 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 17. Representation of the general officer and colonels of the six regiments of marines to H.R.H. Prince George of Denmark, as to their clearings and subsistence withheld from want of muster rolls.

"R. 15 Jan. 1703." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 18. Letter from Mr Ri[chard] Povey to Mr Lowndes, in relation to a reduction of fees to be paid by him at the Exchequer office on his appointment as treasurer to his Royal Highness's commission for sick and wounded seamen. Dated 17 Jan. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

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Jan. 17. 19. Letter from Mr William Blathwayt to the Ld [High Treasurer], as to precedents for furnishing money by the paymaster of the army for liveries to trumpeters; sending an extract from the office books. Dated 17 Jan. 1703–4.

With it there is also "An acct of livery coats, cloaks, standards, &c. for Sir John Lanier's Regimt delivered into their Maties wardrobe the 22th April 1692."

Minuted:—"24 Jany 1703. Write to Mr Blathwayt to ꝑpare a warrt accordingly." 4 *pages*.

Jan. 18. 20. "An account of the severall species of provisions resting in stores the 31th December 1703, with the time they will serve the 40,000 men declared for the year 1704; as also the total of each specie which will serve to compleat the remaining time of the sd declaration, to victual 40,000 men 52 weeks, or 364 days." Dated Victualling Office, 18th Jan. 1703–4. 1 *page*.

Jan. 20. 21. The Attorney General's opinion on the grant in reversion of the office of steward of the lordships and manors of Bromfield and Yale, in the co. of Denbigh, in North Wales, &c., then enjoyed by Sir John Wynn, Bart. Dated 20 Jan. 1703.

Minuted:—"1 Feb. 1703. Prepare a sign manl accordingly. Mr Attorny Genlls opinion is wthin, that her Maty may grant offices or reverc̃ons thereof, for life or lives, notwthstandg ye act for ye civil list." 2 *pages*.

Jan. 20. 22. Letter from W., Bishop of Oxford, to the Lord [High Treasurer] for a further indulgence for paying the remainder of his first fruits, a *scire facias* having been executed against him. He had had to expend a considerable sum on his house, and must spend more to repair the hurt done by the late great storm. Dated 20 Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"Supersede & stay the process for one year." 1 *page, quarto*.

Jan. 20. 23. Letter from Sir Cloudesley Shovell to the secretaries of his Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral. He had called together such "flaggs" and other officers as were within his reach, who had considered how the marines might be most useful at sea, so long as it should be thought fit to continue them upon the establishment of the navy. He returns the result of their conference in an enclosed paper, signed by the officers. Dated 20 Jan. 1703–4. 3 *pages*.

Jan. 20. 24. Memorial of Mr W. Whitfeild to the Lord High Treasurer in relation to the muster rolls, the difficulty of searching the ships books, &c. He was of opinion that until there was a particular commissary appointed for the marines, with three deputies at Plymouth, Portsmouth, and Deal, the muster rolls would never be returned in due time. Dated 20 Jan. 1703. 1 *page*.

Jan. 21. 25. "A certificate of Exchqr bills cancelled by Mr Lionell Herne, out of the second 3*s*. ayd, and one third of the fourth 3*s*. ayd from

the 24th of December 1702 (to which time he has passed this accot to a quietus) to the 24th December 1703." Dated 21 Jan. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 26. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, touching the two customers of Newcastle owing arrears to Mr Dowthwait and Mr Lowson of Stockton. Dated 22 Jan. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 27. Warrant from the Ld High Treasurer to the Warden, &c. of the Mint, the Queen's Remembrancer, &c., for the enlargement from prison of Anthony Redhead, who was deputy master worker and melter of the Mint at Norwich. He had been imprisoned above three years and his goods had been sold for an arrear upon his account. Dated 24 Jan. 1703. 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 25.] 28. Letter from Mr Wm Killigrew to Wm Loundes, Esq., calling attention to two letters he had written to the Ld High Treasurer as to his bad circumstances. He knew it was customary for beggars to magnify their wants. He wished he did so also, but that was not possible, and he never pressed for help so long as he could pawn or borrow. Adding a postscript, "qui cito dat bis datt."

Minuted:—"25 Jany 1703. The Queen gives him an allowance wch he must be content with."

With this is a petition (probably a little later) of Elizabeth Killigrew his daughter. He had been arrested within the "verge" and barbarously used, and dangerously wounded; praying for relief." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About Jan. 25.] 29. Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Berwick-upon-Tweed to the Lord High Treasurer, for 25*l.* due to them on their annuity of 100*l.* payable formerly out of the customs, for the repair of the bridge over the river Tweed.

Minuted:—"25 Jany 1703. Order'd." 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 25.] 30. Petition of William Lane, citizen and Free Cooper of London, to the Ld High Treasurer. He served the crown at sea as cooper, in H.M. ship Adventure during the "Argire" war, and was shot through the shoulder, for which he had a pension of 5*l.*; asking to be appointed as a "noon waiter."

Minuted:—"25 Jany 1703. Referr'd to Comrs Customes." 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 31. Report of Henry Shales, auditor, to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Robert Griffith as to a debt for the supply of beer, disallowed by the auditor of imprest.

Dated 26 Jan. 1703.

With minutes on the back as to its allowance. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 27. 32. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes. They had offered for sale the silver taken at Vigo, which had been melted and assayed at the mint, and marked at Goldsmiths' Hall in order to exportation. No person would bid for it at 5*s.* 6*d.* an ounce.

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They ask if it should be put up at a lower price or coined. Dated 27th Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—" Order it to be coyned." 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 33. Letter signed G. Macartney to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the immediate payment of the levy money for a regiment in Scotland ordered by the Duke of Marlborough to be raised. Dated 27 Jan. 1703. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 34. Letter from Messrs. Howe and Blathwayt concerning the respits on Col. Rivers' regiment, as to an account to be taken from the ship's books to serve for musters, &c. Dated 27 Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—" 1 Feb. 1703. To speak wth Mr How & Mr Blathwayt." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 28. 35. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Eliz., Countess Dowager of Thanet, for a grant to erect a penny post office in and about Dublin; advising that it should be erected for 14 years, at a 10th of the clear yearly profits. Dated 28 Jan. 1703–4.

Minuted:—" To be layd before ye Q. A warrt for 14 years paying rent p̄ anñ." 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 36. Petition of Nehemiah Arnold to the Queen. His father-in-law, Major Arnold of Westminster, had paid 1,000*l.* arrears, being bound for a collector of customs at Dover, &c. The major was one of the jury for trial of the bishops, and it was falsely reported he was for finding the bill, which was the cause of his ruin. He was nominated a Comr of Excise, but died before he enjoyed the benefit thereof. Petitioner's father Captn Arnold was bound for above 2,000*l.* for the major, his brother, then member of Parliament for Westminster; both of them being justices of the peace for Middlesex and Westminster were now dead, and had left their families with these heavy debts; prays to be appointed as a comr of victualling, or to the stamp office, agent for taxes, or otherwise. Referred 31 Jan. 1703–4. A certificate relating thereto.

Minuted:—" 25 Feby 1703. To be laid before ye Queen." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 1. 37. Two reports of Mr Wm Vanbrugh to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the claims of the Queen's watermen to a year and a half's salary in arrear to them. One dated 1 Feb. 1703–4, the other undated.

Minuted:—" 1 Feby 1703. The year to be paid out of arrears & ye ½ year out of ye Queen's mony. Memdm to move ye Queen that there be no more pencõnary watermen."

Also the petition of the watermen. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 1. 38. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sir Charles Hara, praying for the remainder of his pay as major general on the expedition to Cadiz, &c. Dated 1 Feb. 1703–4.

Minuted:—" To be paid according to the report."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

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1703–4. [? About Feb. 2.] 39. Petition of [Col.] Emanuel Scrope Howe, Lieut^t of Holt Forest (Hampshire), to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the reparation of the great lodge; also as to the payment for the same out of the sale of woods of the Forest of Dean. [? About 2 Feb. 1703.]

A letter on the same subject, much faded.

There are various memoranda on the back and this *minute*:—"Read to ye Q. 24th May 1704. The Q. will allow him 300*l.* out of wood sales." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 40. "Abstract of respitts on the Muster Rolls, returned into my office for the troops and regim^ts from the 25th of October to the 24th of Decr 1703, incl." Signed J. Howe. Dated 4 Feb. 1703. ½ *page.*

Feb. 2. 41. Report of Sir Chr. Wren on the memorial of Seignior Antonio Verrio to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for money for colours, &c. to finish the great room at Hampton Court. He had received no more than 200*l.* 500*l.* would serve for his subsistence and charges until the room was complete. Dated 2 Feb. 1702–3. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 42. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Benjamin Robins, as to his collection of the taxes in Exeter, and the frauds and abuses perpetrated there. Dated 4 Feb. 1703.

The petition and six other papers connected therewith. 8 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 43. Presentment of the Officers of Works for the charge of the last quarter for works, great part of which was occasioned by the last violent winds. Dated 7 Feb. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. To be paid so much as remaines due in ye quarter ended at X^tmas last." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 44. Letter from Robert Delavall to Robert Dormer, Esq., M.P., Chancellor of the County Palatine of Durham, for his interest to be exerted with the Ld High Treasurer and Mr Lowndes, for a stamper's place, his expectations of which had been frustrated. Dated 7 Feb. 1703–4. 3 *pages.*

Another shorter letter on the same subject and date. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 45. Two papers in relation to the account of Mr John Knight and the Com^rs of Public Accounts, viz., as to money furnished upon tallies. Dated 7 Feb. 1703. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 8. 46. Late Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., answer to Com^rs of Acco^ts Report. Dated 8 Feb. 1703–4.

A duplicate in better condition. Each 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 8. 47. Letter from Mr Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing copy of two letters in relation to the packet boats between Falmouth and the West Indies. The letter dated 8 Feb. 1703–4. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 48. Report of the Officers of Works to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Benjamin Jackson, master mason, for work done in

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Kensington Garden. Although according to the ancient institutions and usage of their office, he being one of the four principal officers who sign the books, ought not to have taken the work, and so have appeared to have been judge and party, yet the work was well performed, and 1,651*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.* might be allowed. Dated 8 Feb. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 49. "A state of ye accot of Rt Honoble Richd, Earl of Ranelagh, late Paymar Genll of ye Forces, from ye first of Aprill 1692 to ye 25th of March 1699, according to ye books of accot delivered in by his Lopp ye vouchs of wch being imperfect, & not all returned from the Comrs of Accots, cannot yet be examined so as to make any perfect state thereof."

Also states of several of his accounts between 26 March 1699 and 24 Dec. 1701. Dated 8 Feb. 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Write to my Ld Ranelagh to hasten ye sending in his account to ye audr for ye year 1702, and also his account for ye Hospital." 12½ *pages.*

Feb. 8. 50. Various accounts of expenses connected with the Office for Trade and Plantations, with certificates by the Comrs as to their correctness. Dated 8 Feb. 1703–4. 19 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 51. Answer to the House of Commons of Simon Mayne, one of the late Comrs for Victualling, to the report of the Comrs for stating the public accounts, viz., as to the victualling office. Dated on the back 8 Feb. 1703. 11½ *pages.*

Feb. 8. 52. Similar answer of Mr Auditor Bridges in relation to the account of Mr Henry Baker, solicitor of the Treasurer. Dated 8 Feb. 1703. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 53. The answer of Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, late Paymar Genll of all her Maties forces, to the report of the Honble the Comrs of Accots, relating to him and his accounts. Dated 8 Feb. 1703. 24 *pages.*

Feb. 9. 54. Petition of Thomas Wotton and Robert Fowle, goldsmiths, addressed to the Queen, asking that by privy seal or otherwise he might enjoy the benefit of a mortgage of certain messuages, lands, &c. in Chepstead, Moastham, Mayston alias Marsham, and Gatton, in the co. of Surrey, for the term of 500 years, an Act of Parliament having passed to oblige Edward Whitaker to account for public moneys received by him, and he being in possession of the mortgaged property. Dated on the back 9 Feb. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

Feb. 9. 55. Letter from Mr Wm Lowndes to the Agents for Taxes, sending a letter from the principal Comrs for Prizes touching the taxation of sundry prize goods in a warehouse in Lime Street ward, in the city of London, together with the opinion of the Attorney General thereon. The Lord High Treasurer directs them to prepare a letter thereon to the Comrs for Taxes in London. Dated 9 Feb. 1703.

The papers referred to, and another paper in double columns on the same subject. 11 *pages.*

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Feb. 10. 56. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, finding that the allegations in the petition of Sarah Jackson, widow of John Jackson, a land surveyor, to the Prize Office, were true as regarded her destitution from the sickness and death of her husband. Dated 10 Feb. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. 25^li to be allowd her." 1 *page.*

Feb. 10. 57. Report of Edward Harley, Esq., one of the Auditors of Imprest, on the petition of the Deputy Chamberlains for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer, for the fee of 2*s.* per 1,000*l.* for joining tallies on customs. Dated 10 Feb. 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. To be p̃d as usual." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 58. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the importation of wine in casks containing 1/3 more than they ought to hold, advising that an enactment in Parliament should be obtained in relation thereto. Dated 11 Feb. 1703–4.

The particulars of certain importations and the draft of a clause for an Act. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 59. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Herman Boucherie, merchant in Flushing, who was owner of a privateer which captured two French prizes laden with salt and wine, which by a storm were driven into Mounts Bay, viz., as to entry of the goods on paying the salt duty. Dated 11 Feb. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"3^d Aprill 1704. Ordered."

The petition, a certificate as to the circumstances of the arrival of the ships, &c., with numerous signatures. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 27 and Feb. 11. 60. Two petitions (nearly in the same terms) of Sarah Cantwell, widow of Walter Cantwell, late provost marshall, deceased, each having a bill of expences for repairs and strengthening the Marshalsea prison at the Savoy, for securing deserters and recruits; praying payment. Dated 27 Jan. and 11 Feb. 1703–4.

To the second is a memorandum of customary allowances.

Minuted:—"26 Feby 1703. Ref. to Comptrollers of ye Forces." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 61. Letter from the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes enclosing their presentment to the Lord High Treasurer of the proceedings of Mr Hugh Jones, agent for prizes at Falmouth, who had in many things acted in direct opposition to the orders given to him. The letter further relates to some prizes taken at Teneriffe. Dated 11 Feb. 1703–4.

The presentment referred to, dated 10 Feb. 1703–4, the charge against Mr Hugh Jones, extracted from original letters and affidavits, and "extracts of depositions relating to prizes taken by the Deptford, &c., at Teneriffe."

Minuted:—"25 Feby 1703. The Com^rs to dismiss Hugh Jones & to present another to my L^d, whom they think proper for this employm^t." 10½ *pages.*

Feb. 11. 62. Memorial of Sir John Stanley, Warden of the Mint, to the Ld High Treasurer for the discharge of certain bills of Mr Robert

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Weddell, clerk to the warden, for prosecuting coiners, by Mr Borrett, solicitor to the Treasury. Dated 11 Feb. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

Feb. 12. 63. An estimate of the value of the ordnance, armes, and stores of war, wanted in the Leeward Islands, according to the particular of Col. Matthew, Governor of the said islands, received from the Lords Comrs for Trade and Plantations. Dated 12 Feb. 1703–4.

A copy of this is an enclosure to a paper dated 23 Feb. 1703–4. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 64. Report of the Post Masters General to the Ld High Treasurer, in respect to the kind of packets to be employed to the West Indies; recommending four to be employed of 120 tons burthen, to carry 25 men each. Dated 15 Feb. 1703.

With this are two schemes:—

1. The scheme proposed by Mr Dummer of the charge of five vessels, to make three voyages each in 12 months, to the Island Plantations in the West Indies, each vessel to be of burden 150 tons and manned with 30 men.

2. The scheme propos'd by Her Matics Post Mr Genl. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 65. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a bill of Mr John Goddard, her Majesty's consul at Tunis. It had been laid before the Queen, and she desired it might be paid. Dated 15 Feb. 1703–4.

The following is the title of the bill:—

"An accot of sundry expences and disbursments made by me, John Goddard, for her Matys servis, att the renewing & rattifeying the peace between her said Majty and this Governmt of Tunis in the month of October anno 1703, by Capt Thomas Swanton, Capt Robert Arris, & myself."

Minuted:—"28 March 1704. Orderd." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 66. Narrative by Mr Bourk, the victualling agent at Liverpool, giving his account of transactions between him and the Victualling Office and persons of whom he bought provisions. The bad payment of the victuallers of the navy had been his ruin. Exhibited 16 Feb. 1703. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 67. Letter from the Comrs of Revenue for Ireland to Mr Secretary Lowndes, as to a judgment obtained by Mr Chartres, who was a security with Nicholas Green. The recommendation of Mr Charles Young to be one of the four Surveyors General of the Revenue came too late, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1703. 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 16.] 68. "The substance of the report given in by Mr Newton concerning Mr White's proposal about pasting a mill-mark upon paper & parchment [to prevent counterfeits]. Undated.

Drawn up in Mr Isaac Newton's hand, & signed by him.

In the *Letter Book,* Vol. XL. p. 328, 16 Feb. 1703–4, Mr White was desired to attend Mr Newton with the proposition for preventing frauds in the stamp duty. ½ *page.*

Feb. 17. 69. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition and bill of particulars of Robert Burridge, Esq.,

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Rec^r Genl of part of the county of Devon; relating to allowances craved by him. Dated 17 Feb. 1703.
The document referred to and an affidavit. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 18. 70. "Copy of Sir Edwd Northey's opinion concerning the disposition of the Savoy hospital;" in the nature of a report on the petition of William Jessop, Esq., and on the Surveyor General's report thereon. Giving historical particulars of the hospital and advising the renewal of the lease to the petitioner. Dated 18 Feb. 1703. 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 18. 71. Copy of Sir Edwd Northey's opinion, dated the 18 Febr̃y 1703–4, relating to returned goods from Holland. Dated 18 Feb. 1703–4. [The copy probably made a good deal later.] 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 72. Letter of Thomas Hewett to the Lord High Treasurer, as to payment of the Verderers of the Forest of Sherwood in money, instead of fee trees, and the settlement of the same on a sure fund. Dated 19 Feb. 1703.
Minuted:—"28 March 1704. Out of ye Excheq^r." 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 21. 73. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr John Newman, distiller, as to a debt due from the petitioner. Dated 21 Feb. 1703.
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 21. 74. Letter of Mr Ralph Blackhall to William Lowndes, Esq. He had attended the Post Masters General and Mr Castleton and the auditor, and still continued suspended. He was a singular instance of a person suspended for no crime and denied executing an office. Dated 21 Feb. 1703–4.
Minuted:—"28 March 1704. My L^d will hear all partys on ye 10th of May next." 1 *page.*

Feb. 21. 75. Mr Fra^s Wild & Sir Richd Hoare's report on Mr Smethin the goldsmith's bill. Dated 21 Feb. 1703–4.
Minuted:—"3 Aprill 1704. My Lord hath read this report, and thinks an abatement ought to be made for the timely payments that have been made during the reigne." 1 *page.*

Feb. 22. 76. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to a bill for 2,316*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* drawn on him by Mr Sweet by the Duke of Marlborough's direction. Dated 22 Feb. 1703–4.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 22. 77. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Randall, merchant, and on certain affidavits as to the duties on goods landed at Pool, about which there had been a trial. Dated 22 Feb. 1703–4.
The petition, affidavits, &c.
Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1704. Agree with ye report." 18½ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 78. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr. Geo. Banson, one of the sureties of Mr. Henry

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Banson, deceased, formerly a collector of Excise, for a *nolle prosequi* to be entered against him. The latter was a collector under the late farmers for the bishopric of "Durham and Newcastle" and was considerably indebted to them, and getting out of debt with them became involved with the Excise, and proceedings thereon were then pending. Dated 23 Feb. 1703.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Signifie to ye Comm^rs^ that my Lord leaves this matter to ye law."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 79. Order in Council made upon a representation from the Com^rs^ for Trade and Plantations, founded on a memorial of the Governor of the Leeward Islands, for a supply of stores of war necessary for those islands, also on an estimate of the charge thereof from the Ordnance, viz., that the stores be provided. Dated 23 Feb. 1703.

Accompanied by the "estimate." 4½ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 80. Letter signed "W. Cheyne" to John Henley, Esqre., asking that the bonds taken by Captn Player of John Nicholl, who stood charged at Mr Henley's board with selling lace, might be relaxed. He considered these dealers were not within the law for hawkers and pedlers. Dated 23 Feb. 1703. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 24. 81. "An estimate of the charge of employing five vessells of 150 tons each to carry on a corespondence monthly, between England and the Islands in the West Indies, by propounding to build five vessells free of all charge, and to maintain the current expence of the same annually, free of all risque to Her Maj^tie^ by enemyes or other accidents, at a very easie charge to her revenue." Signed "E. Dummer." Dated 24 Feb. 1703–4.

Accompanied by "The explication to the proposall of carrying on a correspondence with the West Indies, with little charge & burden to her Maties revenue." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 24. 82. Memorial of the Governor, &c., of Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him an account of what vacancies have been in the royal hospital at Chelsea, and in the four companies of invalids, since their reduction on 25 March 1703, and how they have been filled up to the 24th of Feb. 1703–4. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 83. Memorial of W. Whitfeild to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the levy money for marine companies, including the raising five new companies in the room of those that were drowned in the late storm. Dated 24 Feb. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

Feb. 24 and 25. 84. Testimonial by the mayor, aldermen, and inhabitants of Falmouth, to the good character and ability of John Symons, mariner of that town, and of his eligibility to be employed by her Majesty in the tin trade. Dated 24 Feb. 1703.

Similar testimonial of the mayor, &c., of Penryn. Dated 25 Feb. 1703. Each with several signatures. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 25.] 85. Memorial of the Bishop of Bath and Wells [who had lately been translated from the see of St Asaph]; the charge of entering

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his late bishopric was nearly equal to what he had received from it; prays to be released from his first fruits for the see of Asaph, as there were great arrears of tenths. The bishopric of Bath and Wells suffered great dilapidations, amounting to 300*l.*, caused by the late storm. They could not be charged on the executors of the late bishop, because one part of them was the cause of his death, and the other accompanied it so close as not to be distinguished, whether they happened before or after; praying for consideration in his first fruits.

Minuted:—"25 Feb. 1703. My L^d^ thinks it reasonable to respit this, there being a bill depending in parliam^t^." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 25.] 86. Memorial of Mr W. Whitfeild to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of the subsistence and clearings of the six Marine regiments.

Minuted:—"25 Feb. 1703–4. Orderd." 2 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 25.] 87. Petition of Sir Clowdesley Shovell to the Queen. Sir George Rooke left to his care and management the fitting, victualling and manning the prizes taken from the French and Spaniards at Vigo. He undertook the fatigue, and in some cases of necessity distributed money to the seamen to make the work go briskly on, and by his constant attendance and presence at all difficult works, fitted the ships with masts, &c., from French ships driven on shore, bilged and sunk in the harbour; and saved the cargoes of two galleons driven on shore but not bilged (without taking to himself the worth of 5*l.* though much plate, &c. was recovered from the galleons), and faithfully delivered the same to the prize office. By his care and direction about 60 brass guns were saved out of the ships bilged and sunk; craves a royal bounty.

Minuted:—"25 Feby 1703. My lord will speak wth him ab^t^ this & accounting for m^o^, armes, &c." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 25.] 88. Petition of George Sewell, Richard Sampson, and John Davis, three of the footmen to his late Matie King William, addressed to the Queen, for payment of their arrears, &c. They were the only English footmen of the late King left unprovided for.

Minuted:—"25 Feb. 1703. See w^t^ arrears are due to them. Mr Latten certifies 198^l^ 15^s^ to be due to y^m^, for one year & ¼ salary, and 19^li^ 2 3 for travailling charges, in all 217 17 3." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 25.] 89. Petition of Gregory Cornish, Robert Peck, and William Parker, all superannuated officers of ships. In the year 1697 they were assessed 4*s.* in the pound on their allowances. The Government would not accept malt tickets in which their allowances were paid. Seven years' tax was now demanded of them, and to pay it would swallow up more than was due to them; praying that the tax might be taken off.

Minuted:—"25 Feb. 1703. The taxes are appropriated & my L^d^ hath no power." 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 90. "A list of what prizes have been taken since this present warr (viz.) from the 4th day of May 1702, and brought into the

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harbour of Port Royall in the island of Jamaica, and there condemned in her Mats High Court of Admty in the said island, unto this 28th day of February 1703." 1 *broad page.*

Feb. 28. 91. Memoranda of sums due to the regiments of Col. Holt, Lord Shannon, and Col. Fox, for subsistence and clearings. Dated 28 Feb. 1703–4.

Docqueted—"Mr Whitfeild's paper." 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 92. Report of the Officers of the Works to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Alexander Fort, master joiner by patent, which stood suspended over the two reigns of Kings Charles II. and James II., but was acted on in King William's time. They employed the person fittest to do the work, and had asserted a power over the patentees to employ whom they pleased, when necessity required it (of which they were judges, as well as of the prices) without which they could not be responsible, and the patentees would be too apt to impose on the office by enhancing the prices. Dated 28 Feb. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1704. My Ld agrees wth ye report." 1 *page.*

Feb. 29. 93. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer. He says having perused "the petition of Gilbert Jones, woodward of her Majesties forest of Waltham, setting forth his fidelity in the discharge of his trust for twenty-three years past, and that he did formerly fence in two groves called King's Grove & Queen's Grove at his own charge, without any allowance for the same, that he hath divers perquisites due to him out of her Majesty's timber and wood within the said forest when felled by order of the crowne; that he is unpaid his wages as woodward for some years, and that he had been prosecuted by malitious men, and confined several months, which cost him above two hundred pounds, and praying that his case might be considered before any lease passes of the said groves. I thereupon inclosed a copy of the petition in a letter to the verderers of the said forest, wherein I desired them to examine the allegations thereof, and certify in particular what perquisites do belong to the woodward, if her Majesty makes a grant of the said groves, with the wood thereon, and have received the annexed certificate under the hands of three of them, wherein they say that they find all the allegations in the petition, and especially that relating to the perquisites, to be true; that they have viewed the four groves intended to be granted to George Finch, Esqre, and that the assarting the same will not only deface the beauty of the forest, but be prejudicial to the vert & venison." When one Goulstone had petitioned for a lease of these groves, he (the surveyor) had written to Jones, and had received an answer that the assart would *not* be prejudicial to the forest, either in vert or venison, there being much better covert near the said groves than ever they were or were likely to be. He (the surveyor) had viewed and caused them to be measured and valued, when he received a warrant to make a constat for Mr Finch, and considered it a very different case to that of Walwood (the assarting whereof the verderers alleged

proved fatal to the adjacent part of the forest), where little or no covert remained, for in the neighbourhood of these groves were many hundred of acres of good covert, &c. He had prepared a constat of the premises to have passed to Mr Finch for 31 years at 4*l.* 10*s.* per ann. rent and 20*l.* fine, with an exception of all mines, quarries, and prerogatives, and timber trees then or thereafter growing thereon, and a clause giving liberty to enclose and convert the premises to arrable or pasture at his own charge, the lessee leaving such a sufficient number of choice young saplings for timber in the most convenient parts of the premises as the woodward or other proper officer should think reasonable, &c. Dated 29 Feb. 1703–4.

The petition and the other papers referred to.

On the back of the petition is this *minute* :—"4 Apr. 1704. Let ye lease to Mr Finch pass." 5½ *pages.*

Feb. 29. 94. "Postmaster General's representation to my Lord High Treasurer for an additional allowance of one shilling per ton per calendar month to be made Mr Dummer for the new Lisbon boats over and above the 7s and 6d agreed formerly to be allowed him; he alledging he will not proceed upon the former terms agreed to."

The boats were just finished, and they hoped would shortly be at Falmouth ready to enter into the service, and a fourth would shortly be provided, by the addition whereof the mails to and from Portugal might go and return weekly. Dated 29 Feb. 1703. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 95. Copy of the Comrs of Transports' report on the petition of Wm and Eliza Kidgell as to certificates for money due to ships in the reduction of Ireland in 1690, about which there had been a suit. Dated Feb. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

March 2. 96. Letter signed "Geo. Clarke" to Mr Lowndes. By the Queen's directions the colonels of Marine regiments had been discoursed with about their recruits. They required 3*l.* a head for levy money, and sent the enclosed paper to show their difficulties. Dated 2 March 1703–4.

The paper referred to. 2½ *pages.*

March 2. 97. Order in Council on a representation of the Comrs for Trade and Plantations upon a memorial from the agents of the island of Barbadoes, praying stores of war necessary for that island, with a copy of an estimate of the same; referring the matter to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 2 March 1703.

The copies referred to. 5 *pages.*

March 3. 98. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer on the representation of the Lord Granville, finding that the castle of Lidford (wherein the stannary prison for Devonshire had been kept, and within the site whereof the courts were held for the borough of Lidford) was certified by the parliamentary survey in 1650 to be in much decay. He believed nothing had been done to it since that time, for nothing remained but the bare stone walls without any roof. The lead and timber

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he believed had been pillaged by the poor people, of whom the neighbouring country (being adjacent to Dartmoor) abounded. The want of a place to confine offenders in made the laws ineffectual, and whilst her Majesty continued to hold the pre-emption of tin in her own hands, the reparation of the prison was of the greater necessity. He had no objection to the estimate for the same. He was told the inhabitants were very apprehensive of the charge of a parcel of necessitous prisoners on that poor place.

The castle of Trematon was anciently the seat of the Earls of Cornwall, but nothing remained of it besides the "out walls" for many years; but within the site thereof was an old house wherein the keeper of the castle "uses to live," and in which the prison for persons arrested in the whole honor, manor, and fee, is kept, and wherein are held the courts for that part of the honor and manor which lieth in Cornwall. This castle with the site, a small park, and some parcels of land, were granted, a° 2 Car. I., with the office of keeper, by letters patent for three lives at a rent of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, &c. The court and prison would be totally ruined unless about 60*l.* were laid out on them. But it was probable the proceeds of the copy of the "stannary laws" to be printed, would, besides defraying the necessary charges, go a great way towards the repair of the prison and court house. Dated 3 March 1703–4.

The representation referred to and an estimate. 5½ *pages.*

March 3. 99. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the account of John Lesbire, an inhabitant of the island of Jersey, of several fines and forfeitures imposed there, which (as he alleged) belonged to her Majesty, but had been taken by Philip Pipon, under pretence that he was farmer of the revenue there; though they were no part of the revenue of the island, being imposed for offences committed against penal statutes made in England. The Lord Jermyn, Governor of the island of Jersey, or his farmer, was not entitled by his patent to the Queen's part of forfeitures on penal statutes. Such forfeitures could not be granted before the crown was entitled by the act done that made the forfeiture; an account should be required of such fines, &c. Dated 3 March 1703–4.

The account and a copy of the Attorney General's opinion.

Minuted:—"Read 20th March 1703. My lord directs the coll^r of ye customs to attend Mr Attorney & take his advice what remedy is proper to take for recovering these fines & forfeitures & to pursue the same at her Ma^ts charge." "Lr̃e writ." See *Letter Book,* Vol. XI. p. 344. 5 *pages.*

March 3. 100. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Ambrose Pudsey, Esq. In 1696 the King granted to George Tushingham, gent., all the mines and veins of lead found, or to be found, in the lands or field of Grinton, Whiteside, and Harkaside, parcel of the manor of Grinton in Yorkshire; and also within the lands of Fremington, in the county of York, for 31 years; at certain rents and 1/10 of the annual

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profits. The petitioner desired a grant of the tenth part, which had amounted to about 20*l.* a year. The mines had proved richer since the last Michaelmas. The petitioner offered 30*l.* a year and a third part of what the tenth should produce above the 30*l.* a year. Advising that he should pay 20*l* a year and two thirds, or at least a moiety of what it should amount to above the rent. He had received an anonymous paper that the produce had been most extraordinary, and that the tenth might come to 300*l.* or 400*l.* per ann. Dated 3 March 1703–4.

The petition and an account of Henry Shales, auditor, of the profits of the mine.

Minuted:—"Direct Mr Batem[an ?] to attend Mr Survr to make out the allegations. My Lord will speak with Mr Att. upō this report at his next attendance." 4½ *pages.*

March 3. 101. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on the repairs of the lodges in Wichwood Forest. Dated 3 March 1703.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

March 3. 102. Report signed W. Borrett on the petition of James Durrant, asking for recompense for the apprehension of Read and Jackson, for carrying over persons to Dunkirk. Thomas White, on petitioner's information, was sent for in custody, and said amongst other things, that he saw "one Caron a Scotchman come into Dunkirk with the French King's letter to St Paul." Dated 3 March 1703–4.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1704. To have 20li by łres Pat. dormant." 2 *pages.*

March 3. 103. Memorial of J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer as to the means for paying the dues to the Royal Hospital. Dated 3 March 1703–4. 3 *pages.*

March 3. 104. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, signifying her Majesty's pleasure, that as the service on which Mr Redmond Morris was detained was over, and he at liberty to return to Ireland, he should receive 20*l.* or 30*l.* as his circumstances required. Dated 3 Mar. 1703–4.

Minuted:—"11th Mar. 1703–4. My Lord ordrs him 30*l.* out of sec. ser. money clear of charges." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 4. 105. "Articles of a treaty made between her Majty and the States Genll and the Duke of Holstein for his troops, 15th March 1703, N.S. [*i.e.* 4 March] that relate to their pay." 4 *pages.*

March 7. 106. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a letter from the Portugal Envoy concerning arms exported and to be exported for the use of the King of Portugal, referring his Lordship to a former letter of theirs on a similar subject. Unless the arms were *bonâ fide* exported, for the immediate account and risk of the King of Portugal, and not by way of contract or merchandise they ought not to pass free of customs. Dated 7 March 1703–4.

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The first letter is not now with it, but the second is; together with a memorandum of the goods to be shipped.

Minuted:—" 3 Apr. 1704. My Lord concurs with the Com^rs in their opinion & intimate the same to Portugal Envoy." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 7. 107. "List of the regim^ts which the King of Portugal had on foot ye 7th of March 1703." 2 *pages.*

March 9. 108. Letter signed Hugh Jones to the Lord High Treasurer, asking his Lordship to give directions to the Com^rs of Prizes to send him the charge and answer of the writer. He doubted not, on perusal of his answer and evidences, his innocence would appear. Dated 9 March 1703–4. 1 *page.*

March 10. 109. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a survey of the northern ports to be executed by Mr Patrick Mein, of whose ability and discretion they had had former experience in the plantations and in this kingdom. He was to be joined with two others. Dated 10 March 1703–4.

Minuted:—" My Lord approves their sending these men to make the survey, according to such instructions as ye C. think proper to give them, but direct ye Com^rs to send a draft of their instructions." 1 *page.*

March 10. 110. Letter from Thomas Knox to Mr Secretary Lowndes, enclosing for the Ld High Treasurer an answer to the Com^rs of the Revenue's Report, relating to the discovery made by him of a correspondence held and a trade carried on by sending wool from Ireland into France. It seemed a little strange that the Com^rs could give but three instances in 13 years of the practice, when in three months enquiry he gave account of 35 ships sent from hence; praying for a reward of his service. Dated 10 March 1703–4.

The paper to which reference is made. 3 *pages.*

March 13. 111. Report of the Attorney General to the Queen, on the petition of James Trefusis, whereby it was represented that the late King, by letters patent of 17 Oct. in his 3rd year, granted to the petitioner and others for 14 years the sole use and benefit of an engine whereby they were enabled to work under water for several hours together, with a prohibition to any person from making use of the like without licence during that term, and that none of the patentees had worked the same but the petitioner, and he had made no profit of the same, although he had been at great charges. It was doubted whether what he should take out of the sea would belong to him, the patent not fully expressing the same. The petitioner prayed Her Majesty to grant him the treasures he should take by means of the invention for seven years, rendering such portion as to Her Majesty should seem meet. The Attorney certifies that King William III., by letters patent of the above date, granted to James Trefusis and two others the sole privilege of using and enjoying for 14 years an engine by them invented, of

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covering vessels and pipes, whereby they were enabled to work several fathoms under water for divers hours together, without any want of air, which patent would determine in October 1705; but there was no grant to the patentees of the goods they should gain, &c. The Attorney General's opinion was that it would be for the benefit of the Queen and the public, to encourage the petitioner to proceed in gaining by his invention that which would otherwise never be likely to be of use to anybody, and to grant the petitioner what he should gain out of the British seas by means of his engine within the time desired; reserving such a portion as Her Majesty should think fit, and Her Majesty might lawfully make such a grant. Dated 13 March 1703–4.

At the Court at Whitehall, 17 April 1704, Her Majesty directed that the Lord High Treasurer should report what proportion should be reserved for Her Majesty.

Also the petition.

It is further *minuted*:—"10th May 1704. Set forth ye precedts & lay ye same before ye Queen." 3½ *pages.*

March 13. 112. Letter from Philip le Hardy to William Lowndes, Esq. On the 20th of Dec. last there was a scheme of fines and forfeitures of wool laid before the Ld High Treasurer. The report of the Comrs of Customs thereon was lodged with Mr Powis. If speedy prosecution were not made, the person who was possessed of the fines would be in the island of Jersey, where he would be protected from the laws of England. He hoped that his business would be despatched, as it was impossible for him to stay longer, being commanded to his post [which was governor of a garrison in Jersey]. Dated 13 March 1703–4. 1 *page.*

March 14. 113. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr John Jennins, formerly a collector of Excise, dismissed from his employment, as to proceedings about the balance of his account. Dated 14 March 1703–4.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"3d April 1704. My Lord agrees with this report, but he is to pay the remainder of the money, or they are to proceed." 3 *pages.*

March 14. 114. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, enclosing extract of a letter from Ellis Terrill, Esq., agent for prizes at Lisbon, touching the sinking of the St Antonio of Padua, a Genoese vessel, taken as prize by Sir Andrew Leake, and carried into the river of Lisbon and there embargoed by order of the King of Portugal, upon pretence that she was taken within view of his castles. Dated 14 March 1703–4.

Also the extract.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Respited till ye matter is tryd in ye Admiralty Court." 2 *pages.*

March 14. 115. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the case of Elizabeth Fass, widow and relict of Matthias Fass.

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Mr Borrett had taken out letters of administration on the death of Matthias Fass, who was said to have died without any relation; against which a *caveat* was entered by the petitioner, &c. Dated 14 March 1703–4.

The petition and some affidavits relating thereto.

The petitioner says she had only a show of figures of waxwork of medals, Bristol stones, and other materials of inconsiderable value, by which she and her husband had got a livelihood.

Minuted:—"Order Mr Borret to discharge the petr upon filing a comon bail." 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

[About March 15.] 116. Petition of the Clothiers of her Majesty's forces in Holland and Portugal to the Duke of Marlborough, Captn General of Her Matys forces, praying him to speak to the Ld High Treasurer for their arrears of off-reckonings.

Minuted:—"Read 15 March 1703. The off-reckonings cannot be paid & allowed regularly wthout rolls." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 15. 117. Letter of the Duke of Ormond to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Henry Lace, as to the seizure of certain ships forfeited in the late reign, for trading with France. For better information he had referred the same to the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench and Chief Baron of the Exchequer, whose report he transmitted. Dated Dublin Castle, 15 March 1703.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. The petition is dismissd."

Also the report, dated 4 Dec. 1703. 5½ *pages.*

March 17. 118. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to the disposal of the brass ordnance and broken pieces of metal from Vigo. Dated 17 March 1703–4.

Minuted:—"My Lord leaves it to them to do herein according to ye best of their discretions. Lre writt." See *Letter Book*, Vol. XI. p. 344. 1 *page.*

March 18. 119. Admiralty letter to Mr Lowndes as to the payment of Captains Sanders, Rumsey, and Martin their share of the Vigo prize money. Dated 18 March 1703–4. 1 *page.*

March 18. 120. Letter of the Comrs of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, as to medals and rewards to persons who had done eminent services in connection with Vigo. There was then no money in the hands of the Receiver General of Prizes. A proportion of her Majesty's share should be reserved in their treasurer's hands. Dated 18 March 1703–4. 1 *page.*

March 19. 121. Two letters of the Earl of Clarendon to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to put the Lord High Treasurer in mind of him and prevail with him to grant his request (without stating what it was). He would keep his word with his Lordship and he should not be troubled any more till after Midsummer 1705. One is dated 19 March 1703–4, the other "Thursday afternoon."

Minuted:—"Orderd 20th March. 375l." 2 *pages, octavo.*

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March 20. 122. Letter of Mr Edw. Seymour to Mr Lowndes in relation to the repairs of the keepers' lodges in one of the forests. Dated Bradley [? Wilts] 20 Mar. 1703–4. 1 *page.*

March 20. 123. Letter of the Comrs for Prizes to Mr Lowndes enclosing state of the prize accounts. Dated 20 Mar. 1703–4. 3 *pages.*

[March 20.] 124. Petition of George Collins, messenger, ordered to attend the Duke of Marlborough on his next campaign, praying to be allowed his expenses during the last campaign for carrying expresses. His claim was for 288*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*

Referred 20 March 1703–4.

Also his appointment.

Minuted:—" Orderd." 2 *pages.*

March 21. 125. Letter from the Admiralty to William Lowndes, Esq., about paying Captain Mitchell out of Vigo prize money as a captain in the royal navy. Dated 21 March 1703. 1 *page.*

March 23. 126. Warrants of the Earl of Jersey, countersigned by the Ld High Treasurer, (1) to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for the providing a bible, prayer books, and various other requisites; and, (2) to the Master of the Jewel House, for the communion plate for the use of the chapel in the Leeward Islands. Dated 23 March 1703. 2 *pages.*

March 23. 127. Presentmt of the Comrs of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for a warrant to allow the sums charged for taxes on the under officers of the prizes. Dated 23 March 1703–4.

Minuted:—" Read 10th May 1704. My lord cannot give any allowance for these taxes."

Accompanied by a list of the names, the salaries, &c. 2 *pages.*

March 23. 128. Report of Mr William Blathwayt and Mr W. Duncombe as to eight days pay to Brigadier Ferguson and Col. Row for their regiments, due to them at the time they were sent from Scotland to Holland. Dated 23 March 1703–4.

Minuted:—" 27 March 1704. D. Marlbo present. This cañot be granted out of any of the English fonds, these regimts being paid by English mo from ye very day of imbarcacõn; but they are at libty to apply to Scotl., where they should have been paid to their imbarcation." 2 *pages.*

March 25. 129. " Mony assessed on the Officers of the Post Office by an Act for granting an aid of 4s in the pound for land tax, and 1s for subsidies for the year ending at Lady day 1704, whose salaries do not exceed 60li per ann." 1 *page.*

March 25. 130. A mere scrap, being a memorial of Col. P. Howard to Mr Lowndes. Dated 25 Mar. 1704.

Minuted:—" 100l out of secr." Paid 27th March 1704. 2 *lines.*

March 25. 131. An affidavit of Mary Dapwell, late of Bradfeild, in the county of Wilts, spinster, as to the care of Margaret James, an idiot

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daughter of Mrs Cole by her former husband. Sworn 25 March 1704. 1 *page.*

March 27. 132. "A particular of the bills drawn by Sr Henry Furnese for wch he is to be allowed commission, pursut to a minute of the 11th of Jany 1703; showing the time when such bills were drawn, on whom, at what place, and days sight payable, at what rate given, for how much in guilders, and what was paid for the same in sterling money." The last is 27th March 1704. 1 *page.*

March 27. 133. Letter from the Admiralty to Mr Lowndes communicating a proposal for the salaries of the marine establishment. Dated 27 March 1704. 1 *page.*

March 27. 134. Letter from Benjn [ ] to the Lord High Treasurer in respect to the supply of English salt for the navy. He had written to Madam Boscowen on behalf of the coheiresses, the Marburies, requesting her to present a proposal relating to the same. Both rock salt and brine were on the estate of the Marburies, and if the proposal were accepted, his Lordship would find nothing but plainness, sincerity, and loyalty in the proposers. Dated Oxford, 27 Mar. 1703.

Minuted:—"He must make his proposicon to the Comr of Victuall." 2 *pages.*

March 28. 135. Letter from Mr John Sansom (Customs) to Mr Lowndes, transmitting a draft of the instructions which were given to the persons appointed to go upon the general survey of the northern ports. Dated 28 March 1704.

There is also an abstract of the instructions as well as the instructions. 8 *pages.*

[? About March 28.] 136. Memorial of Captain James Desromanes, of Col. Elliot's regiment, to the Duke of Marlborough, captain general of her Majesty's forces, asking his grace's favour with the Ld High Treasurer to get an allowance for respits; the desertions and deaths at Portsmouth had been so great that the respits amounted to 50*l.*

Minuted:—"28 March 1704. My Lord doth not intermeddle in this." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About March 28.] 137. Petition of Charles Trubshaw, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for an order as to a debt from Thomas Vincent, Esq., deceased, due to the petitioner, as money lent, &c. by him to prosecute a suit which was decided against the proprietors of the New River Water Company, viz., for money charged on them for a poll tax which they had refused to pay.

Minuted:—"To be read at large. 28 March 1704. If all partys are agreed renew ye warrt to levy ye tallys." 1 *page.*

March 28. 138. Letter signed J. Tucker to Mr Lowndes, asking for an allowance of 10*l.* to the magistrates of Seaford for having sent up a messenger with informations concerning one Tuppen, carried by Frenchmen into France and lately brought back, supposed on some

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ill design. Mr Secretary Hedges desired it might be paid. Dated 28 March 1704.

Minuted:—"Orderd 10li sec. ser." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 28. 139. Petition of Gregory King, Esq., Lancaster herald, to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for two and a half years' salary as Lancaster herald, which by reason of the general decay of the profits and perquisites of the heralds was their chief support.

Minuted:—"28 March 1704. Order'd one year." 1 *page.*

March 29. 140. Report of Sr Edw. Northey to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Edward Hopson, the certificate of Sir Cloudesley Shovell, the affidavits and the report of the Comrs of Customs as to the verdict for 500*l.* in a trial against the petitioner for some goods supposed to be run, advising the remission of her Majesty's moiety. Dated 29 March 1704.

At the action at Vigo the petitioner says "he was placed one of the first ships to attack the boom with Sir Thomas Hopson, and had the good fortune to seize a galleon," &c.

Minuted:—"3rd Aprill 1704. A signe manll to discharge her Mats part." 7½ *pages.*

March 29. 141. Mr Auditor Harley's letter [to William Lowndes, Esq.] about the warrant for a privy seal to authorise the passing his account of healing medals. Dated 29 March 1704. 1 *page and* 2 *lines.*

March 29. 142. Certificate of the Auditors of Imprest of the several accounts taken before them, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 29 March 1704.

With minutes against them in the margin. 15½ *pages.*

March 30. 143. Letter of the [Comrs] of Victualling to Mr Lowndes on a petition of Edward Searle and Charles Kent, merchants of London, as to bills drawn on their agent at Jamaica. Dated 30 March 1704.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. My Ld concurrs wth ym as to ye paymt of ye bills, but desires to know wt course they have taken wth this agt." 2½ *pages.*

March 30. 144. Representation of the Comrs of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer as to the ill practices of Mr Thomas Power, agent for prizes at Bideford, testified by Mr Cary, Mr Rolls, and Mr Bulteel, members of parliament dwelling in Devonshire. If his Lordship should remove him, they recommended Mr William Kelly as his successor. Dated 30 March 1704.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Order'd." 1 *page.*

March 30. 145. Report by Mr Auditor Shales to the Ld High Treasurer as to claims by bond on the estate of Edwd Lord Griffin, attainted of high treason. Dated 30 March 1704.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Know how far ye former p seales have or may be satisfyd." 1 *page.*

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March 30. 146. Three letters from the Lords Committee for the Plot, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of the charges incurred by Captain Philips, yeoman usher of the black rod, about the prisoners in his custody [for the Jacobite Plot]. Dated 4, 20, and 30 March 1704.

With minutes on the back for payment out of secret service money. 3 *pages.*

March 30. 147. Report of a Committee of the House of Lords "appointed to consider the method of keeping records in offices." They had enquired how the records in the Tower of London were kept, and had sent for Mr William Petyt, the keeper of those records, and had heard his account of the method observed. They had appointed a sub-committee to repair to the Tower to view the records and satisfy themselves of the state the same were in and how the office was executed, which they did accordingly. They report that the records in the office were in good condition and carefully kept, and the present officer had fairly transcribed the old calendars of most of the rolls; but there were a great number of rolls from the first year of King John to the end of Edward IV., without calendars or abstracts, viz., Rotuli Normanniæ, Franciæ, Vasconiæ, Walliæ, Romæ, Scotiæ, Almaniæ, et Hiberniæ, which would require careful perusal of all the entries by the clerks employed therein. The committee were of opinion that this would be a public service.

In Cæsar's chapel under the leads in the White Tower, multitudes of records in several reigns, some relating to state matters and some to courts of justice, lay in confused heaps, and if speedy care were not taken of them were in great danger of utterly perishing. It would be a public damage, as well as dishonour to the kingdom, to suffer such memorials of antiquity to be lost. This would be too great a work to be undertaken by the keeper of the records, unless there were allowances made him for a considerable number of clerks who understood the languages and hands in which the records were written, and were capable of making abstracts of them under the care and direction of that officer. It did appear by the writs *de calendariis faciendis, de rotulis et scriptis in recto ordine ponendis et expensis clericis ministrandis* that these allowances had been anciently made to clerks attending the office of records within the Tower.

If these records were cleaned and reduced to order, they might be placed in the room where the present office was kept at a small expense.

Signed—"Math. Johnson, Cler. Parliamentor."

There is also an order by the House of Lords signed by him that this report should be, by the Lord High Treasurer, laid before her Majesty to give directions; and the Lord High Treasurer to acquaint the House what was done therein in the next sessions. Dated 30 March 1704.

There is also a duplicate copy of these. 6 *pages.*

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March 31. 148. Memorial of Allen Bathurst, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer, for payment of expenses of her Majesty's household, including flambeaux, candles, &c. at the late king's funeral.

Also an account of one part of the items up to 31 March 1704. 2 *pages.*

[? About March 1704.] 149. A list of officers and under-keepers of Windsor Forest, with their fees per annum.

Undated, but compare this list with one in the *Money Book*, Vol. XVII. p. 114, with which it exactly agrees. 1 *page.*

[? March.] 150. Petition of James Verdon, clerk, to the Queen, for the grant to him, his executors and administrators, of the advowson of the church and rectory of East Dereham (Norfolk), and other premises, for such term as her Majesty saw fit; the grant of the same for 90 years, which was made by King James I. to William Pooley, then of Boxted (Suff.), knight, having lately expired. 1 *page.*

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April 1. 1. Letter signed "Tho. Bateman" to Saml Trevor, Esq., Surveyor Genl of her Majesty's lands, in respect to the Grinton and Fremington lead mines, of which the tenth reserved for her Majesty was computed at 300*l.* or 400*l.* per ann., offering 300*l.* for the same from Mich. 1703 to Mich. 1704, &c. Dated 1 April 1704.

Minuted:—"5 Apr. 1704. Send the paper wth the report to ye surv^r." 1 *page, quarto.*

April 1. 2. Letter of Mr Granville [? to the Ld High Treasurer], asking that his brother Bernard, who was with another brother in the Indies, might be appointed in place of Mr Cox, a Com^r of Customs, naval officer, and one of the council in Barbadoes, who was about to be removed. He also hints at his own claims, and says, "If the charm is true that a strong fancy in one man shall bind the resolutions of another, it will happen that one time or other I shall have my turn in your thoughts." Dated 1 April 1704.

Also a brief document containing the substance of the above.

Minuted:—"Mr Granville. 3 Apr. 1704. Upon a representacõn from ye Com^rs of Trade & a rep^t from ye Com^rs of Customs it was thought fit to restore Mr Cox." 3 *pages and* 7 *lines.*

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April 1. 3. Representation as to prizes taken by Captain Upton [on the Cornish coast], and the advantage of his acting as convoy. His most material service was the preservation of the fishery of pilcherds and herrings. Dated 1 April 1704.

A smaller paper containing some of the same information, with other that is additional. 3 *pages.*

[? About April 3.] 4. Petition of Robert Lucy, Esq., receiver of the temporalities of the bishopric of St David's, to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the allowance of the "ipsum" in his account, and as to disputes with Doctor Watson.

Minuted, first, on 3 Apr. 1704, *and again:*—"Read 24th May 1704. Remit the ipsum on his acct, and appoint another recr."

Also two other papers. 3 *pages.*

[? About April 3.] 5. Memorial of Lieut.-Genl Erle to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of extraordinary charges incurred by his regiment, which had been commanded to the West Indies in Oct. 1702, two companies afterwards returning from Lisbon to England.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. Ref. to ye Comptrollers & Mr Blathwayt." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About April 3.] 6. Petition of John Jennings, late collector of Excise, to the Ld High Treasurer, to be heard as to his accounts.

Minuted:—"3 Apr. 1704. To have a copy of ye report." 1 *page.*

[? About April 4.] 7. Petition of the clothiers of the forces in Holland and Portugal to the Ld High Treasurer; praying payment for the off-reckonings. With 14 signatures.

Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1704. As soon as ye rolls come these troops will be cleared & the petr will be paid." 1 *page.*

[? About April 4.] 8. Two letters of John, Bishop of Chichester, the first? to Mr Lowndes, dated 22 Oct. 1703, the second to the Lord High Treasurer, dated 29 Feb. 1703, as to respite of payment of his first fruits, as well as his case after mentioned.

Accompanied by the case of John, Bishop of Chichester, as to an estate in Chancery Lane belonging to the see, consisting mostly of ruinous buildings thought capable of considerable improvement, for the present and future benefit of the bishopric. The Bishop had obtained an Act of Parliament and purchased ground and decayed houses to a considerable value, and expended about 2,000*l.* without any benefit, but much to his prejudice, unless he could bring it to an issue.

Also, "The case of John, Bishop of Chichester, and Sarah his wife." This relates to a debt due to Francis Jenks (the former husband of the Bishop's wife) from the late Duke of Monmouth, who was indebted to Jenks about 8,000*l.*, to which the Bishop laid claim.

Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1704. My Ld. can do nothing in this matter." 5½ *pages.*

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April 4. 9. Letter signed "Le C. Maffei" to the Lord [? High Treasurer,] as to payment of bills of exchange drawn on him from Turin. The treaty imported that the subsidies should be paid at Turin at two months advance, &c. Dated 15 Apr. 1704, N.S. [French.]

Translation thereof. 4½ *pages, quarto.*

[? About April 5.] 10. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Limerick, to the Queen. He had been bred a soldier and was colonel of an Irish regiment in France, and brigadier, worth 5,000*l.* a year. At the command of King Charles II. (pursuant to a vote of Parliament) he left those posts, rejected far greater offers, and lost 6,500 livres due to him for recruits, &c., on purpose to enter the service of England; of all which the Earl of Montague, then ambassador in France, was a living witness. In consideration of which 500*l.* a year for life was settled on him, he was made a general of the army then designed for Flanders, and after the peace of Nimeguin he was appointed deputy-governor of Tangier, and from thence removed to be governor of New York, and continued six years there. He reduced the five nations of warlike Indians (who before used to destroy the English plantations) to become subjects of the crown, and laid out above 10,000*l.* in a war against the French of Canada, and engaged for 2,500*l.* more. On the attainder of his brother William, the late Earl, for the last rebellion in Ireland, the estate was granted to the Earl of Athlone, who sold part to others. The petitioner was entitled to the estate after the death of his brother; but the settlement under which he derived his title was mislaid, and could not be found before the time appointed by the act of resumption. He was debarred of two and a half years' rent received by the trustees, amounting to upwards of 6,000*l.*, and of rectories and tithes amounting to 700*l.* a year, and compelled to pay 5,400*l.* to the purchasers under the Earl of Athlone. His estate in Ireland was so encumbered that it yielded little more than the interest on the debts. He received no part of his pension since 1688, the arrears were 7,500*l.* Though he received tallies for 2,500*l.* for which he stood engaged at New York, by which he lost 20*l.* per cent., yet he received no part of his disbursements in the war against the French of Canada. Nearly 20,000*l.* were due to him; prays for part of the money due to him to redeem his estate.

Minuted:—"5 Apr. 1704. To be laid before ye Queen."

Duplicate having additional minutes, viz.:—"Read 24th May 1704. My Lord is to speak to ye Duke of Ormonde about him."

Again:—"25th July 1705. Speak to Mr Blathwayt abt this at his next attendance." 2 *pages (brief size).*

[? About April 5.] 11. Memorial on behalf of Robert Cole, H. M. agent and consul at Algiers, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that his two last years bills for extra disbursements might be paid. He had to pay two per cent. per month for interest. The French consul's annual allowance of 3,000 crowns, and 2,000 for necessary expenses, were punctually remitted to him from Marseilles, in specie. He and other "Christian ministers" at the Turks' two solemn festivals had

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to make presents of 80*l.* besides the costs for secret intelligence, as well as gratifications to the Algiers men of war, for humanity to English ships. The continuance of the present good understanding, was of high import to the safety of our navigation. He had successfully preserved peace for near ten years, amidst incessant artifice of the French court to destroy it. He was exposed to frequent hazards in the faithful discharge of his duty, by those ragged untractable soldiers, who in 1683 and 1684 shot off two French consuls into atoms at the mouth of a canon. The last war continued five years and our merchants lost 157 vessels. Our country was deprived of 3,000 seamen carried into captivity, and the late King Charles expended 300,000*l.* to secure our trade and maintain a squadron "to cruize on them"; and nothing could have been more acceptable to the king than the renewal of peace by the Earl of Torrington, as he declared on the arrival of Admiral Aylmer at Whitehall with the capitulation. The naval strength of that place consisted of three gallies and 25 ships, from sixty guns downwards. Soon after the peace of Ryswick, a squadron of ships ranged the Mediterranean under Admiral Aylmer, who visited that place and continued there 17 days, when the consul plentifully entertained, in his own house, two and some days three hundred officers, gentlemen, and seamen. He transmitted his account of this extraordinary charge to the Secretary of State, who was pleased not to allow but sent it to the Treasury, where it was never taken notice of. He hoped the present happy posture of affairs with Algiers, and the above circumstances, would induce his lordship effectually to favour him to make his circumstances more easy.

Minuted:—" 5 Apr. 1704. The Queen will consider him for any extraordinary expence that is necessary during her Ma^ts^ reign." 2 *pages.*

[? About April 5.] 12. An account of lodgings taken by the Ld Chamberlain's order when the King of Spain was at Windsor.

Minuted:—" 5 Apr. 1704. Ref. to Mr Vanburgh." 1 *page.*

[? About April 5.] 13. Petition of John Carter, executor to his father-in-law, Captain Philip Lanyan, work master general of all his then Majesty's fortifications, to the Ld High Treasurer, for a part of the debt due to Capt. Lanyan until the petitioner was provided for.

Minuted:—" Read 5th Apr. 1704. 50^li^ out of secret service mo. in consideracõn of his pretensions as ex^r^ to his father-in-law, Capt. Lanyan." 1 *page.*

April 6. 14. Representation of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer as to the state of their accounts. Dated ? April 6 or 8, 1704. 1 *page.*

April 8. 15. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Victualling to Mr Lowndes, sending their report on the petition of the master workmen, employed in the Victualling Office at Tower Hill, for works done on the buildings, and the Hartshorn brewery. Dated 8 April 1704.

Also the report. 2 *pages.*

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April 8. 16. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition and papers of Reginald Hill, who was collector of the land tax for the township of Crakenthorpe, in the co. of Westmoreland, in the room of John Hill, then deceased; as to a distraint made, resulting in an action. Dated 8 April 1704.
Minuted:—"Read 10th May 1704. This peticõn is dismisst."
Also the petition. 2 *pages*.

April 11. 17. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the representations and affidavit relating to the Sidney frigate, under the command of Captain Upton, and the benefit to the merchants, as well as the fishery and coasting trade in Cornwall, in being defended by the said frigate. They had thought it a duty (not having heard of any remarkable services from Captain Upton), to dispose of the vessel by public sale, but had respited the same till his Lordship's pleasure were known. Their opinion was, that if it was thought necessary to have a man-of-war to cruise, she should be appointed by the Admiralty. Dated 11 April 1704.
Also copy of previous report, a petition, and four other papers in connection therewith.
Minuted:—"May 17th 1704. This charge to be continued to Michas day & noe longer." 8½ *pages*.

April 12. 18. Presentment by the Comrs for licencing hawkers and pedlars to the Ld High Treasurer, as to appointment of additional riding surveyors. Dated 12 April 1704.
Minuted:—"Read 30th May 1704. Agreed & a wt to be prepared accordingly." 2 *pages*.

April 13. 19. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Andrew Huddleston, late collector of the port of Whitehaven, praying for allowance to clear his accounts; they were not of opinion that the case was relievable by his Lordship. Dated 13 Apr. 1704.
The petition and ten affidavits.
Minuted:—"14 Apr. 1704. My Lord agrees with the Comrs in every particular." 13 *pages*.

[? About April 14.] 20. Petition of Anthony Isaacson, "younger son of an ancient family," to the Lord High Treasurer, for the place of commission officer of the 4½ per cent. custom at Antigua, Mr Thomas Thynn being dead.
Minuted:—"Read 14 Apr. 1704. It canot be granted." 1 *page*.

April 15. 21. Letter from Mr Geo. Clark to Mr. Lowndes, desiring to know if his Lordship (the Ld High Treasurer) approves of the salaries proposed by the paymaster and Comrs of the marines, that he might get the establishment for the new regiments signed. Dated Admiralty Office, 15 April 1704. 1 *page, quarto*.

April 18. 22. Letter signed "J. Hickes" to the Lord High Treasurer. He was quite satisfied as to the "reversion," and would throw himself

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entirely upon his Lordship for what he should think most proper for him. He tendered the enclosed for his Lps consideration. By his Lps administration there was such a currency of money, that interest was reduced without a law which parliament laboured in vain to procure. This had in a great measure eased the burden of the taxes. His Lordship's own county would have been reduced to the lowest extremity but for the relief in the tin affair, whereby property was doubled, and the labouring tinner had an advance and was freed from the greatest oppressions, &c. Dated April 18, 1704.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. My Ld will first discourse Mr Travers."

With this is another paper giving many reasons for the appointment of a surveyor of the Duchy of Cornwall, then vacant for about 20 years. It commences:—"Her Maties revenues, estates, & interest in the Dutchy of Cornwall have been greatly prejudiced, and the tenants of the said duchy have laboured under great inconvenience, as will appear by the particulars herein. But a very considerable interest among the freeholders of the county & in several borough towns [was] entirely lost to the government," which might (it was presumed) be remedied by reviving that ancient office.

The second part of the paper commences:—"The tenants of the Dutchy of Cornwall lye under greater inconveniences than any other tenants in the said county in these particulars." One of their grievances was that the records which previous to the war were kept in the county, were then removed to London. 3 *pages quarto.*

April 18. 23. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham to the Lord High Treasurer, expressing her Majesty's wish that Mr Wm Courtenay should receive 30*l.* for his expenses, being employed in the service of the allies. Dated Whitehall, 18 April 1704.

Minuted:—"To be paid out of secret service money 30li." ½ *page, quarto.*

April 18. 24. Letter from Mr Secretary Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a scheme of instructions for the future management of the transportation of her Majesty's forces by sea, for his consideration. Dated 18 April 1704.

The scheme referred to. 5½ *pages.*

April 19. 25. Memorial of John Parkhurst, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his Lordship an account of all moneys paid by Mr Paschal and himself for moneys arising from arrears of prizes, &c. Dated 19 April 1704. 1 *page.*

April 20. 26. Letter of Ralph Blackhall to William Lowndes, Esq. He would not fail to attend his Lordship on the 10th of May. He would be glad to know whether his Lordship intended a hearing for his witnesses. Dated 20 April 1704.

Minuted:—"25 Aprill 1704. Name his witnesses & my Lord will order summons for 'em." ½ *page.*

April 20. 27. Letter from the Earl of Clarendon to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to solicit the Lord High Treasurer for "the other

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quarter" of a year of his pension, "under the same obligation still of never troubling him more till the time he had set, which would be above a year and a quarter hence." He also refers to a seizure made by the collector of Arundel, who offered him 2,500*l.* for the Queen's thirds. Dated 20 April 1704. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About April 21.] 28. Copy or draft of a royal warrant constituting trustees for the encouragement of linen manufacture in Ireland, and for payment of 200*l.* per ann. to Lewis Cromelin in connection therewith. On the dorse is :—

"21 Apr. 1704. This ꝛre orderd to be prepared for her Maty^s signing, D. of Ormond being ꝑsent, vide Minute Book." [See Vol. XII. p. 242.] 4¼ *pages.*

April 22. 29. The charge for the Office of Works for the quarter ending in March 1703–4, part of which had been occasioned by the late violent winds. Dated 22 April 1704. 5½ *pages.*

April 24. 30. Report of the Officers of Works about several works done in her Majesty's several gardens and parks by Henry Wise. Dated 24 April 1704.

Minuted:—"10 May 1704. To be paid except 20^li 10^s 6^d he is assessed for ye tax." 1 *page.*

April 24. 31. Respits upon the muster rolls of certain regiments from 25 Feb. 1703 to 24 Apr. following. Signed, J. Howe. 1 *page.*

April 24. 32. Two letters to [Mr Lowndes] in relation to the affairs of Mr John Jennings and the charge on him as a late collector of Excise. Unless relieved he would be ruined. One is dated 24 Apr. 1704, and the other during the next week. 2 *pages.*

April 25. 33. "Virginia. State of the accompt of the revenue of two shillings for every hogshead of tobacco exported, port duties, and head money raised for the support of the government from the 25th of October 1703 to the 25th of April 1704."

"A state of the accompts of the revenue of quit rents in Virginia, as also for several compositions for lands escheated to the crown in the year 1703."

Both the papers are signed, "Wm Blathwayt."

Minuted:—"Read 14th. Mr Blathwayt to take care that the former direcc̃ons be so observed that he may be enabled to prepare these acco^ts for declaration from time to time, as soon as may be, and that he do prepare ye same accordingly." 2 *pages.*

April 25. 34. Memorial of Edward, Earl of Orford, to the Lord High Treasurer, sending various particulars for expediting and settling his accounts. Dated 25 April 1704.

Subjoined is "an account of salaries paid by Mr Dodington to various clerks employed on the above accounts."

Minuted:—"To Navy Board to consider & come prepared to give their opinions on every paragraph in this paper on Frid^a next in the afternoone."

23 May 1704. "A warr^t to allow this." 2½ *pages.*

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April 25. 36. Memorial of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer. He was directed to pay 100*l.* for the charges of two comrs who were gone to Holland to examine witnesses in the cause against the Earl of Portland. He was to prepare to try the cause against Lord Hallifax at the Exchequer bar, and to proceed against Mr Fox, who was committed to Newgate by the House of Lords for high treason, the method of which would be like the prosecution against Mr Boucher, which was so very chargeable. Asking for money to be issued. Dated 25 April 1704.

Minuted:—"12 May 1704. A warrt for 200li." 1 *page.*

April 25. 37. Letter from Mr John Paschal [? to Mr Lowndes]. He had been joined with Mr. Parkhurst in getting in the arrears upon superseding the Prize Commission, and relates the circumstances in which he absconded, and asks that they might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 25 April 1704.

Minuted:—"10 May 1704. To be considerd when ye audr attends wth ye state of ye accots." 2 *pages.*

April 27. 38. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to the sale of the ship St Lewis, of Nantz, and as to allowance to be made to Mr Cole, agent for prizes at Cowes. Dated 27 April 1704.

Minuted:—"Prepare a S.M. to pay for the prize ship out of ye Queen's share of prizes, and to direct the Comrs of Prizes to cause her to be đd to Jeronimo Bestoso in full satisfaction for his losse & damage." "Allow the 24 3 6 to ye agent at Cowes." "Done."

Also an extract from a letter from the said agent for prizes at Cowes. 1½ *pages.*

April 27. 39. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to the obstructions the prize officers at Barbadoes met with from the governors, sending copy of a letter from their agent, and three other papers; also copy of the list of prizes brought to the island of Jamaica. Dated 27 April 1704.

The last paper is not now enclosed.

Minuted:—"12 May 1704. Let ym prepare a draught of such instructions as they would have sent to ye governrs." 5½ *pages.*

April 27. 40. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Edward Holden, employed by the Earl of Rochester to prosecute divers persons for stealing deer out of Richmond Park; recommending an allowance of 29*l.* Dated 27 April 1704.

The petition and an account of the disbursements.

Minuted:—"Read 12 May 1704. Wt on ye lrẽs p̃atę dt for the wthin menc̃ond 29li." 4 *pages.*

April 28. 41. Representation by the late Comrs for sick and wounded seamen to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for the surplus on their accounts. Dated April 28, 1704. 1 *page.*

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April 30. 42. Letter of Lord Cornbury, Governor of New York, to the Com^rs for Trade, giving a detailed account of the seizure of the "Eagle" galley and the cargo by Mr Byerley, collector, the setting her at liberty, the re-seizure, &c. Asks their Lordships not to let any reports or stories make any impression on them to his disadvantage, until he had an opportunity to justify himself. Dated New York, April 30, 1704. 3 *pages.*

[? About April.] 43. "Receipts and payments of money for the old debt for sick and wounded seamen, &c., between 15 Octo. 1700 and ye 31 December 1703." The last entry is in April 1704. 13 *pages.*

May 3. 44. Report of the Officers of Works on the value of a marble inlaid table upon a carved gilded frame, set up in her Majesty's lodgings at Kensington, by John Nost, who petitions for 96*l.* 15*s.* They value it at 80*l.* Dated 3 May 1704.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. To be laid before ye Queen. Read 24th May 1704. To be paid 80*li.*"

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 3. 45. Report of the Com^rs for Prizes relating to the ship St Paul of Rochell, condemned and sold at Maryland. Dated 3 May 1704.

Minuted:—"6 June 1704. Direct them to call on Mr Burchett to desire y^t directions be given to Capt. Moor to bring in his account forthwith if he is not yet gon, otherwise at his return from Virginia." 1 *page.*

May 6. 46. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland to the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the question of payment of duty on provisions used on board men-of-war. Dated 6 May 1704. 1 *page.*

May 9. 47. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr John Merring, who had been displaced from his employment on the 4½ per cent. in Barbadoes, on the suggestion that he was a Roman Catholic; giving evidence of his Protestantism and fitness for employment. Dated 9 May 1704.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"May 17th 1704. Read & he stands fair for any preferm^t." 2¼ *pages.*

May 9. 48. Memorial of the trustees for circulating Exchequer bills, as to setting on foot another contract for circulating Exchequer bills, and for payments to be directed. Dated 9 May 1704.

Also an account of money received and paid. 3 *pages.*

May 9. 49. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Ld High Treasurer, asking him to supersede a process against him (the Earl) in the hands of the under-sheriff of London, until Michaelmas term, when he hoped all his accounts would be nearly passed. Dated 9 May 1704.

Minuted:—"Send to ye Aud^rs to know in what state his acco^ts are, and whether they are dilligently prosecuted." 1 *page.*

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May 9. 50. Report signed "H. St John" and "Jo. Tredenham," to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Col. Carpenter as to respits in his regiment. Dated 9 May 1704.

Minuted :—"Read 12th May 1704. . Lre to Mr St John to prepare a wt for taking off the respits wthin mencond." 1 *page.*

May 10. 51. Letter signed "Jno Samson" to Mr Lowndes, asking for directions as to Captain Upton, who remained at Falmouth expecting further directions to cruize on the coast of Cornwall in the ship Sidney. No vessel could stir east or west for the small privateers. Dated Custom House, 10 May 1704.

Minuted :—"12 May 1704. Bring this in when ye Comrs of ye Customes attend my Ld on Wednesday next." 1 *page.*

May 10. 52. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Richard Fletcher, praying to be a deputy to one of the Queen's waiters in the port of London, in the room of Mr. Edlin, deceased. They had appointed Robert Olton, a keyman (who for 30 years had performed landwaiter's duty, and was esteemed one of the ablest landwaiters, although he had not attained the establishment of a landwaiter), to act for Mr. Herne, who was in Ireland. The latter had since sent over his deputation from Ireland for one Mr. James Benn to be his deputy, who was admitted and sworn, so that there was no room for either Olton or Fletcher. [The landwaiters] took upon themselves to appoint deputies without the approbation of his Lordship. By private bargains and subterfuges, the deputies were left to no other maintenance than the scrambling fees at the waterside, and were under great temptations to betray their trust. The Comrs on the two last occasions had obliged the principals to give instruments to the Receiver General, to pay their deputies the allowance of 20*l.* per ann. each, and if his Lordship approved they moved that the order should be made general.

Minuted :—"Agreed." Dated 10 May 1704.

Minuted on the back :—"May 17th 1704. Benn to be dismist & Olton to be restored." 1½ *pages.*

[? About May 10.] 53. Petition (signed) of the eight door-keepers of the House of Peers to the Lord High Treasurer. King Charles II. had granted them 100*l.* at the end of every session of Parliament as his bounty. During the late and present reigns they had received but 50*l.* per session; asking for their usual allowance and a reward for their great trouble in attending on the Lords Committee appointed to examine the Scotch conspiracy.

Minuted :—"10 May 1704. Pay ym as last year." 1 *page.*

[? About May 10.] 54. Memorial of the Duchess of Cleaveland to the Ld High Treasurer. At Lady-day last three quarters of a year of her revenue of 4,700*l.* per ann. were due to her. The letters patent directed the payment quarterly. These arrears forced her to run in debt; asking for a warrant for what was due, and to be paid for the future according to her letters patent.

Minuted :—"10 May 1704. [See wt is due since ye Queen's coming to ye crown." ½ *page, 4to.*

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55. Petition and representation of the President, Treasurer, and Governors of the Hospital of St Thomas the Apostle in Southwark, to the Lord High Treasurer. By letters patent of King Edw. VI. for founding the hospital, the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London were made grantees of the revenues and perpetual governors of the hospital, with power to substitute other governors. The hospital was principally designed for the relief and cure of such sick persons as should be in the city of London or the suburbs thereof, who for many years had so much increased that the ancient revenue was not sufficient. During the late war with France, timely provision could not be made for the sick and wounded at the out-ports, and the Comrs for sick and wounded urged the governors to admit them to the hospital, promising to endeavour to obtain an allowance in respect thereof by the consideration of the Treasury. They thereupon admitted between 10 Feb. 1688 and 25 June 1702, 4,992 poor sick and wounded seamen, and from that time to 1 May 1704 about 1,000 more, the far greater number of whom had been cured and sent into the service. The number of days of the 4,992 all added would amount to 330,843. The allowance for each man's diet in the hospital was 4*d.* *per diem,* and the charge of doctor, surgeon, apothecary, nurses, medicines, lodging, &c., was computed at least at 8*d.* *per diem* more, so that the charge the hospital had been put to was 16,542*l.* 3*s.* The Government during the late war allowed for the quarters of each seaman, while under medical care at the out-ports, 12*d.* a day, and the surgeon 6*s.* 8*d.* per head, and paid for all medicines and allowed a salary to the physician; and in cases of amputation allowed the surgeon 20*s.*, all which allowances were computed at 2*s.* a day per man, at which rate the seamen would have cost 33,084*l.* It seemed reasonable that those who were wounded in the public service "should be repaired at the public charge;" praying payment for the use of the hospital by the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen.

They also represent that in March and April 1702, Doctor Richard Forlesse, one of the physicians, and Mr Thomas Elton, one of the surgeons, in a clandestine manner, and without the privity of the petitioners, applied to the said late Comrs for a debt of 6*s.* 8*d.* per head, pretended to be due to them and the other surgeons, for attendance, &c., on 4,146 sick and wounded seamen, cured in the hospital during the war; upon which application, the Comrs ordered 1,382*l.* to be paid to Mr Jeremiah Garrard, their secretary, in full of the pretended debt. This being casually discovered, the doctor and surgeon were dismissed. The other physicians, &c., were in no way privy to the application. The hospital had always paid the doctors, &c., and in nowise suffered them to take anything from the patients. They also paid for medicines, and no one could be entitled to that money but the governors of the hospital; praying that the money might be paid to them.

Minuted:—"Read 10th May 1704. To be sent to the late Comrs for sick & wounded, & direct them to consider every paragraph in

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this representation, and to give my Lord an account of the severall matters of fact, so farr as hath come to their knowledge." 3 *pages.*

[? About May 10.] 56. Petition of Mary, the widow of Ralph Williamson, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of arrears due to her husband as Receiver General of Taxes for Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland.

Minuted:—"Read 10th May 1704. There is no money at present for this." 1 *page.*

[? About May 10.] 57. Petition of Michael Studholm, Esq., keeper of her Majesty's private roads, to the Lord High Treasurer. During the three last reigns there was contained on the establishment of the household an allowance of 270*l.* per ann. for the repairs of the private roads to Fulham; praying payment of 135*l.* for the half year ending Midsummer 1702, he having expended that amount.

Minuted:—"Read 10th May 1704. If there be anything due on this allowance in ye late King's time, it will be paid when there is money for arrears of that kind, but the Queen never intended to establish any allowance for these roads." 1 *page.*

[? About May 10.] 58. Petition of Philip Ralegh, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. He was "grand son and sole heir to Sir Walter Ralegh, who did so many considerable services to his country, and first brought hither tobacco, which now yields a prodigious revenue to the crown." He had bred up four sons in the service of the crown; two were dead, and the other two had served long and got no preferment. He had three other children to provide for, and himself (a merchant) was forced to quit his employment upon the shutting up of the Exchequer in 1672, where there was due to him 3,800*l.* He had several times troubled his Lordship for employment in the revenue, and, having been brought up to accounts, considered himself capable thereof; prays for employment.

Minuted:—"Read 10th May 1704. My Lord is willing to recomend him for any imploymt he is qualifyd for." 1 *page.*

[? About May 10.] 59. The exceptions and reply of Joseph Bruxby and Edward Ettrick to the report of the Comrs of Excise on the memorial they had laid before the Lord High Treasurer for improving the revenue of Excise.

Minuted:—10 May 1704. My Ld agrees wth ye rept of ye Commrs of Excise & his Lop dismisseth these exceptions." 3 *pages.*

May 11. 60. Letter of Mr Secretary Hedges to the Ld High Treasurer. Her Majesty's pleasure was that he should find some way of settling the pay of a brigadier on Lord Mountjoy, who had been made a brigadier of the forces, and was upon no establishment. Dated 11 May 1704.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. There is no altering ye establishmt but if ye Duke of Schomberg will pay him out of ye contingencys he may.

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Another memorial of the Lord Viscount Mountjoy on the same subject.

Minuted:—"12 May 1704. My Lord has no direcc̃on from ye Queen in this matter." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About May 12.] 61. Petition of the clothiers of her Majesty's forces in Portugal to the Lord High Treasurer. After the strictest enquiry and examination of Acts of Parliament they were well informed that his Lordship was under no restriction, but might order the payment of arrears of off-reckonings; praying for the order.

Minuted:—"Read 12th May 1704. My Lord Trẽar desires to know who informed the pet^rs of w^t they alledge."

There is a further communication to his Lordship on the back, saying the persons who informed the pet^rs were not willing their names should be made use of, &c. 1¼ *pages.*

May 12. 62. Copy of a warrant of his Royal Highness Prince George as to the deduction of 12*d.* a month from the pay of the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers of the marine regiments serving abroad. Dated 12 May 1704. 1¼ *pages.*

May 12. 63. Copy of the last establishment of the marine forces. Dated the 12th May 1704. The marine regiments were under the direction of Prince George of Denmark. 3 *pages.*

May 12. 64. Royal warrant to William Lowndes, John Anstis, William Petit, Peter Le Neve, and William Grymes, Esquires. The Lord High Treasurer, in pursuance of an order of the House of Peers, had laid a report before the Queen of 30 March 1704, as to the records at the Tower of London [before described under that date], appointing the above persons, three or more of them, to inspect the place called Cæsar's chapel, and examine in what manner the records might be preserved from further damage or perishing, as also the place where the office was kept, to ascertain what works were necessary for receiving the records lying in the chapel, and making calendars thereof as they should be cleaned and reduced to order; to consider of the most proper method for cleaning and reducing the records into order, and of the number of clerks or other persons fit and necessary to be employed in that service, and in making calendars or abstracts yet wanting to be made of the said rolls, from the first year of John to the end of Edward IV.; to make an estimate of the charge, and propose the salaries, &c., and to present a report to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 12 May 1704. 2 *pages.*

[? About May 12.] 65. Petition of John Dackin, late of her Majesty's first troop of guards, to the Lord High Treasurer. He had served the crown between 30 and 40 years, and King William by warrant allowed him 2*s.* a day, yet he had not received one penny. He was reduced to great want, and prayed for the royal bounty.

Minuted:—"12 May 1704. There is no fond for this." 1 *page.*

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May 12. 66. Memorial of Col. Godfrey to the Lord High Treasurer. In obedience to a warrant, and according to his duty, he had sent letters to the Earls of Nottingham and Jersey and Sir Edward Seymour, who were charged with several quantities of plate to be returned to the Jewel Office; but they had returned no part of the same, nor answered his letters. Asking her Majesty's further pleasure. Dated 12 May 1704.
Minuted :—"To be laid before the Queen." 1 *page.*

[? About May 12.] 67. Petition of William Atwood, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, as to arrears of salary in the late reign, imploring her Majesty's bounty.
Minuted :—"Read 12 May 1704." 1 *page.*

May 13. 68. Representation of Sir Edward Dering, Kn^{t}, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to long standing debts due to him, upon which the Com^{rs} of the Navy had reported as far back as 1680. He desired that an auditor might report on the same. Dated 13 May 1704. 1½ *pages.*

May 13. 69. Certificate of B. Bridges and E. Harley, auditors, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the state of the Earl of Ranelagh's accounts. They hoped to lay the same before his Lordship in a very short time. Dated 13 May 1704.
Minuted :—"Stay process till 1st day of next Trinity term, and write to the aud^{rs} to give my Lord an acco^{t} what progress his Lo^{p} shall have made in his acc^{ts} by y^{t} time." 1 *page.*

May 15. 70. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer as to what was due to the out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, and as to the tallies and orders remaining in his hands. He also sends a certificate of Mr George Deane to justify the calculations. Dated 15 May 1704.
The certificate named.
Minuted :—"Prepare an order." 2 *pages.*

May 15. 71. Opinion of the Attorney General as to the Queen's power to redeem a mortgage of an estate in Tanfeild, in the bishopric of Durham, and as to the acceptance by the crown of 200*l.* from the purchaser for the Queen's title. Dated 15 May 1704.
Minuted :—"200^{li} to be accepted & a pr. seal to be passed according to ye rep^{t}." May 22, 1704. 2 *pages.*

May 16. 72. Warrant of the Earl of Nottingham, Principal Secretary of State, to Francis Clarke, one of her Majesty's messengers in ordinary, requiring him to proceed to Lidd in Kent, and receive into his custody George Patterson, alias Patton, a Scotchman, for coming out of France contrary to the late Act of Parliament, and to bring him and his papers before the Earl for examination, &c. Dated 8 April 1704. He was in custody to the 16th of May, when he was bailed. 1 *page.*

[? About May 16.] 73. Copy of warrant, certificate, &c. as to the payment of 430*l.* to Mr Lewis Cromelin and others, who had erected looms for weaving

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fine linen in Ireland. The certificate is dated 16 May 1704. 3 *pages.*

[? About May 16.] 74. Petition of the Four Tellers of the Court of Exchequer to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant to the Cashire General of the Customs to pay five years fees due to them out of the Customs.

Certificate of the debt. Dated 16 May 1704. 2 *pages.*

[May 16.] 75. Letter from Mr Edward Southwell to Mr Lowndes. Yesterday that poor old harmless, good-natured petitioner of the Lord Treasurer's, Sir William Gallway, died; there was not a farthing to bury him or pay the poor nurse who attended his tedious illness. He asks Mr Lowndes for God's sake to move the Lord Treasurer that morning "for some charity to put him decently into the ground." Dated "Tuesday morning" [*i.e.* 16 May].

Minuted:—"30 out of sec. service. Paid 19th May 1704." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About May 17.] 76. Petition of Thomas Hughs, master gunner of Portsmouth, to the Lord High Treasurer. Upon the death of Roger Seager, late master gunner of Portsmouth, he, by order of Lord Granville, Lieut.-General of the Ordnance, acted as master gunner, upon the coming there of the King of Spain, as well as afterwards; praying to be paid for his service as he was likely to receive no benefit, the muster rolls being closed to the 25th of April last.

Minuted:—"Read 17 May 1704. My Lord will not interpose in this matter, if he did, his Lops opinion is, there should be no innovacõn made, but the payments of ye gunners should be according to ye muster rolls." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 17. 77. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Elizabeth Clifford, relict of Charles Clifford, deceased, late brewer in Southwark, who was indebted to the Excise, and who applied to have certain leases deposited as security given up to her. Dated May 17, 1704.

The petition and three affidavits.

Minuted:—"May 17th 1704. The petn is dismist." 8 *pages.*

May 18. 78. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sr John Stanley, desiring a little additional building to his lodgings in the park. He believed it necessary to make the lodgings habitable. Dated 18 May 1704.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. To be laid before ye Queen. Read 24th May 1704. My Lord to speak wth Sir Christopher Wrenn."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

May 18. 79. An Order in Council in relation to the settlement of the value of the coins in the plantations of America. Dated 18 May 1704.

Marked "Duplicate." 1¼ *pages.*

May 19. 80. Letter of Robert Lundie to the Lord [High Treasurer], pressing that he might be despatched to Portugal with the first packet

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according to her Majesty's orders, which could not be without his Lordship's assistance. Dated 19 May 1704.

Minuted :—" Read 19th May 1704. My Lord will move the Queen to grant what is desired, & the Collo to be told it shall be paid when orderd, to such person as he shall leave his att., but he must be going to-morrow." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 19. 81. Report of Mr Wm Clayton to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Theodore Eccleston, as to payment of an Exchequer bill that was lost. Mr Attorney General's opinion was had, as to lost bills, against which caveats were lodged, and he said that the bills were payable to the bearer, and that we at the Exchequer had no right to stop any, and that if the party who lost the bill had a right he must bring his action against the man that paid in the bill, and the bill remaining in the Exchequer might be brought in evidence though cancelled, and allowed to the bearer thereof; so that if Mr Eccleston pleased, according to this opinion, he might bring his action against the Comrs of Excise, and they against John Hassell (to whom it was paid), and so trace the bill to the person who first found it. Dated Exchequer, 19 May 1704.

Minuted :—" 24 May 1704. Shew this to Mr Eccleston."

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

May 19. 82. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Coleford for assistance, certifying that there was no money in his hands by the sale of underwood in Dean Forest, the salaries of the officers of Windsor Forest having been paid out of the same, but between Michaelmas and Christmas there might be some. Dated 19 May 1704.

The petition referred to.

Minuted : — " 6 June 1704. Respited." *Again* :—" Granted." 2 *pages.*

May 19. 83. Letter from the Comrs for Trade to the Ld High Treasurer, sending an Act prepared for laying certain duties on merchandize to be imported into Jamaica, before submitting it to her Majesty for her assent. Dated 19 May 1704. 1 *page.*

May 19. 84. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the *supers* of the accounts contained in the great roll of supers from the Office of the Pipe. They would take effectual care that all Receivers General were duly prosecuted who had not passed or should not pass their accounts, and would use their utmost diligence for the speedy recovery of the *supers.* Dated 19 May 1704.

Also "An account of the receivers that have not cleared their accounts of land taxes, poll bills, and subsidies, to Lady day 1703; as also an account of what proceedings have been taken to compell them to finish the same." 2 *pages.*

May 20. 85. Surveyor of the Woods (Edw. Wilcox's) report about windfalls fit for the use of the navy in Bushy and Middle Park, near

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Hampton Court, which were claimed as their fees by the Duke of Grafton and Mr Projers, being rangers of the parks. The trees were blown down "by the great storm," and the Attorney General's opinion (herewith sent) had been taken as to their right. Dated 20th May 1704.

The Attorney General's opinion is not now with it. 1 *page.*

May 22. 86. Letter of Mr Geo. Dodington to W. Lowndes, Esqre, for allowance of 67*l.* 10*s.* to the Earl of Orford, late Treasurer of the Navy, for brokerage for disposing of tallies on the new duty on coals. Dated May 22, 1704.

Minuted:—"Orderd if any precedts." 1 *page.*

May 22. 87. Memorial of Mr Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer. The 200*l.* ordered at the beginning of the term fell short to answer the charge of the trial of David Lindsay, and for the expense of the two Comrs sent to Holland to examine witnesses on behalf of her Majesty in the cause against the Earl of Portland. He had received orders to pass a Commission for the "Mohegan Indians," and to pay the Attorney and Solicitor General 200 guineas for their opinions on queries from the Comrs of Trade, which with prosecutions depending would amount to about 600*l.*; praying the issue of money. Dated 22 May 1704.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. A warrt for 500li." 1 *page.*

May 23. 88. "An accompt of all moneys which have been issued at the receipt of the Exchequer unto the respective paymasters of her Majesty's army." Dated 23 May 1704. Signed, "Halifax." 1 *page.*

May 23. 89. Letter from the Agents for Taxes to Mr Lowndes, for respite to be taken off Mr Malet, the Receiver General for Somerset, if the Lord Treasurer had no objection. Dated 23 May 1704.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. Take of [f] ye respitt." 1 *page.*

May 24. 90. Petition of John Jennings, late Collector of Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer, to be heard by counsel on his affairs.

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. My Ld thinks it will be very inconvenient to reheare this matter here." 1 *page.*

May 24. 91. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Charles Goring, Esq., who claimed a share of the value of 29 packets of lustring, 15 bales of raw silk, &c., seized and delivered into the custom house at Shoreham by Mr Wade, for giving the latter notice of the smugglers: adverse to petitioners claim and to his taking part of the Queen's share. Dated 24 May 1704.

The petition and a letter signed "Amb. Wade."

Minuted:—"Read 30th May 1704. Agreed to the report." 3½ *pages.*

[?About May 24.] 92. Petition of Charles, Earl of Manchester, to the Queen, for a grant of the office of collector of Customs, &c., in the port of London, to him and his heirs for three other lives then in being; showing also who had the same from King Charles the Second.

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Minuted:—"24th May 1704. My Lord Treãr will speak with my Lord Halifax upon this petition on Fryday morning next, 30 May 1704. To be layd before the Queene." 1 *page.*

[About May 24.] 93. Petition of John Worley and other tradesmen and creditors of Henry late Lord Waldgrave to the Ld High Treasurer. The House of Commons, finding Lady Waldgrave (his executrix) had an interest in the first fruits and tenths sufficient to pay his creditors, refused to insert a clause in a bill making the real estate subject to the debts; praying payment out of the arrears due to Lady Waldgrave. (Signed by several of the creditors.)

Minuted:—"24 May 1704. My Ld will not enter into ye consideracõn of ye debts, but ye arrear wherewth ye 1st fts & xths are incumbred shall be discharged by degrees, as is convenient, & prepare a warrt now for one year." 1 *page.*

[?About May 24.] 94. Report signed "Jos. Tredenham" to the Lord High Treasurer, on Dr Gaylard's memorial, who went as physician general to the West Indies and claimed 20*s.* a day for his services; but if he had gone with the Earl of Peterborough (as was intended) the draft of the establishment only allowed him 10*s.* a day. Dated "Comptroll Office, Whitehall, May the . . .th 1704."

Minuted:—"Read 24th May 1704. A sign manual for 10*s.* p diem out of ye sum not exceeding 87,125 10 0 for the Marine Regts, anno 1703." 2 *pages.*

May 24. 95. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, on the petition of Robert Driver, shipwright, applying for reward for discoveries made by him of timber belonging to the crown, &c., declining to give an opinion on the value of his services. They would appoint him, if the Lord Treasurer thought it necessary to send a person to Rockingham Forest. The purveyorship of the navy was at the disposal of the Lord High Admiral. Dated 24 May 1704. (Written on the back of the petition.) 2 *pages.*

May 24. 96. Memorial of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning prize ships brought to Lisbon. Dated 24 May 1704.

Minuted:—"An order to sell them there after adjudication."

Also two other papers. One entitled, "A list of prize ships brought to Lisbon." The second, "Extracts of letters from Ellis Terrill, Esq., Agent for Prizes at Lisbon, in the kingdom of Portugal, since Sir George Rooke has been there." 6¼ *pages.*

May 24. 97. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, on an account received from Col. Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, of prizes taken and condemned in that island, and on a letter from Mr Perrie, "Register" of the Court of Admiralty at Antigoa, to Col. Codrington, containing an account of prizes taken and condemned there since the war. Complaining of the imperfect accounts they receive from their agents in the West Indies. Dated 24 May 1704.

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Docquetted :—"The state of the prizes taken by her Ma^ts ships and brought to Jamaica & Antegoa."

The abstract of the account of prizes referred to. 4 *pages.*

[? About May 24.] 98. Petition of Margaret Thrale, widow of John Thrale, gent., late agent of her Majesty's four Independent Companies of the Province of New York, to the Lord High Treasurer; asking for an assignment of the off-reckonings.

Minuted :—"24 May 1704. My Lord will clear these companies as soon as ye muster rolls come." 1 *page.*

May 24. 99. Report of Mr J. Taylour to the Lord High Treasurer, on the demand of Mr Lancelot Burton for interest of 50,000*l.* which he procured to be advanced to the R^t Hon. Mr Howe for the service of the Guards and garrisons. Dated 24 May 1704.

The petition referred to.

Minuted :—"Read 30 May 1704. A w^t to be prepared accordingly." 2 *pages.*

May 24. 100. Memorial of Francis Godolphin, Esq., cofferer of her Majesty's household, to the Ld High Treasurer, praying that money might be issued for a note drawn by Edward Griffith, Esq., one of her Majesty's officers of the Board of Green Cloth, who waited on his Majesty Charles III., King of Spain, in his expedition to Portugal, and had brought from thence several quantities of wine for the household; also asking for 1,000*l.* more on account of her Majesty's removal to Windsor. 1 *page.*

May 26. 101. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary Gardiner for the custody of Margaret James, an idiot, then in the custody of Mr Moreton and his wife, but who had been kept in a mean condition, not being allowed fitting necessaries; advising compliance with the prayer of the petition. Dated 26 May 1704.

Also an affidavit as to the dilapidation and waste of the property left by the idiot's father.

Minuted :—"Read 30th May 1704. A w^t to be prepared according to the report." 2 *pages.*

May 26. 102. Letter signed "Saml Wh[ite]" to William Lowndes, Esq., in answer to Mr Newton's report as to counterfeiting paper marks and stamps for parchment. It consists of seven closely written paragraphs, and he says that Mr Newton, notwithstanding his reputation in some particulars, was unfit to judge of things of this sort. Dated 26 May 1704.

Minuted :—"Read 30th May 1704." 1 *large closely written page.*

May 27. 103. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Mr Burnaby, their secretary, Mr Tooke's petition, Mr Burnaby's reply thereto, and all other papers referred to them. The business was in great confusion, and Mr Burnaby had not application equal to the employment, and they themselves were by turns obliged weekly to draw and dictate papers and letters. Mr Tooke in

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consequence was established an additional clerk, and by order of the board entered all minutes, answered letters, &c., until Mr Burnaby disturbed him, &c. They would be glad Mr Tooke should be repossessed of the books, &c. as formerly, and it was their opinion that they should have power to appoint and direct the clerks, and that an end should be put to fees. Dated 27 May 1704.

Copy of their minutes and a table of fees.

Minuted:—"6 June 1704. My Ld will, when he comes next to town, appoint a day to hear ye Comrs for Prizes & Mr Burnaby. Memdm to move my Ld to sett a day." 6 *pages.*

May 27. 104. Report of the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, sending a list of the officers and others lately belonging to this office who perished in the late storm, with their qualifications and other particulars, asking a fair proportion of her Majesty's bounty for [their representatives]. Dated 27 May 1704.

The list referred to.

Minuted:—"See in what proporcõn her Mats bounty is distributed according to ye method of ye navy." 4¼ *pages.*

[? About May 30.] 105. Letter of Mr J. Bridger to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to his accounts. He had been almost three years passing them, and if his Lordship did not put an end to it it would be his ruin.

Minuted:—"Read 30 May 1704. The C. of the Navy are the proper judges in this matter, & my Lord will not interpose." 1 *page.*

May 30. 106. Letter from the Earl of Scarborough to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to thank the Lord High Treasurer for sending Mr Norton's representation, which should be answered to his Lordship's satisfaction. He would attend his Lordship at the end of next month. Dated Lumley, May 30, 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 6 June 1704." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About May 30.] 107. Memorial of Lord Henry Scott and Captain Humphry Gore to the Lord High Treasurer, desiring her Majesty's warrant for allowing them on the muster rolls of the second troop of guards, till it appears what time they are to enter into pay in their regiments in Ireland.

Minuted:—"Read 30th May 1704. My Lord cannot advise the paymt of 2 officers for ye same time & service." 1 *page.*

[? About May 30.] 108. Petition of the Comrs and Receivers General of the Alienation Office to the Lord High Treasurer for certain sums to be paid for the repair of the office.

Minuted:—"Read 30th May 1704. To be done according to Mr surveyor's report." 1 *page.*

[? About May 30.] 109. Representation to the Ld High Treasurer of the merchants trading to Virginia, Maryland, New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and parts adjacent, for themselves and others, as to the desirability of establishing packet boats from London to New York, under the direction of the Post Office, for carriage only of letters, in order to the preservation of shipping and merchandise to and from those ports, which upon timely advice might be met by cruisers and

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saved from capture. Eighteen of the last Virginia fleet were taken when coming home, about two months later than they were expected. It has a large number of signatures.

Minuted:—"Read 30 May 1704. Qu. whether the merchants intend to be at the charge." 1¼ *page.*

May 31. 110. A similar letter to others that have preceded from Mr Henry Killigrew to Wm Lowndes, Esq., for his quarterly allowance. He says, "If I fail of it, God knows what will become [of] me and mine." Dated 31 May 1704.

Minuted:—"50li out of s. ser. mo paid 1st June 1704." ½ *page, quarto.*

May 31. 111. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh on the petition of the Earl of Gallway for payment to him of 204*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for the pay of a surgeon's mate. Dated 31 May 1704.

Also the petition and copy of a warrant.

Minuted:—"26th July 1704. The overplus of these annuitys & debrs are to be applyd to discharge ye debt due for ye cloathing of Collingwood's regimt. Anno 1698."

Copy of the report, with a minute on it of 10 July 1704. 4 *pages.*

[? About May.] 112. Petition of Onesiphorus Dagnia, of the town of Newcastle, glass maker, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be relieved from paying certain costs incurred by the Comrs for the glass duty in going to Newcastle, &c., he having already paid 200*l.* for a verdict obtained against him.

The former petition, a report (much torn), and an affidavit. 4 *pages.*

June 1. 113. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh and Mr Wm Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Robert Livingston, Esqre, praying payment for disbursements, &c. in New York, showing what he claimed for the military and what for the civil part. Dated 1 June 1704.

The petition and the case of the petitioner.

Minuted:—"Read 17th July 1704. Ref. the last article to the governor of New York. Send this back to my Lord Ranelagh & Mr Blathwayt." 15 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 3. 114. An accompt of the cost and charges of the victualling her Majties land forces sent in transport ships, &c., to the West Indies and Portugal in the years 1702, 1703, and 1704, as also provisions sent for soldiers at Newfoundland in the year 1704. Dated 3 June 1704. 1 *page.*

June 5. 115. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the tallies and orders for reversions of annuities to out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, remaining in his hands as late paymaster of the forces. Dated 5 June 1704. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4 and June 6. 116. "Copy from a manuscript delivered to the Attorney General by the Receiver General," being an act of settlement of estates,

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tenures, fines, rents, &c., of tenants of the Rt Hon. James, Earl of Derby, in the Isle of Man, passed at a "Tinwald Court," holden at St John's chapel in that isle, on 4 Feb. 1703.

There are also other similar matters at a "Tinwald Court" on 6 June 1704.

[This is a copy marked "Appendix A.," and is probably connected with proceedings at a considerably later date.] 17 *pages.*

[? About June 6.] 117. Memorial of Thomas Rymer to the Lord High Treasurer. There was due to him on his usual allowance of 210*l.* per ann. for clerks (without whom he could never print), and other charges relating to his collections, two years, from Midsummer 1701 to the time he began to print his first volume, which arrear had run him into so great debt that he could not disengage himself unless his Lp ordered payment.

Minuted:—"200li in full of all services of himself & his clerks till Lady day 1703, from wch time has allowance for printing his books. 6 June 1704." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About June 6.] 118. Memorial of the officers of the Coldstream Guards to the Lord High Treasurer, as to subsistence and off-reckonings, several men having been lost at Vigo.

Minuted:—"6 June 1704. Ref. to Mr St John & ye comptroller." 1 *page.*

[? About June 6.] 119. Representation and memorial of Nathaniel Boothe, Esqre, Surveyor General of her Majesty's revenue of greenwax, which consists of fines, issues, amercements, and recognizances estreated from the several courts of Westminster Hall, and from the assizes, sessions of the peace, commission of sewers, &c., into the Exchequer.

This revenue was under the inspection of the petitioner. The revenue was divided into (1) post fines (lately in farm to the Earl of Berks and then to Lord Raby) and the other fines, amercements, &c. The surveyor could not be paid his salary out of this revenue, computed at 4,000*l.* besides the duchy fines. (2.) Casual revenue.

Petitioner then describes the nature of his duties.

Order of Court of Exchequer as to certification of estreats, and another order as to good recognizances being taken.

Minuted:—"Read 6 June 1704. My lords think the judges are the proper persons to take care in this matter, by admonishing the justices, &c. (in their charges at assizes), to take as good security as they can. [This minute seems more particularly to refer to the last papers.] 4½ *pages.*

June 10. 120. Memorial for allowances paid by Henry Wise to the keepers, &c. of St James's Park for wages, board wages, and liveries. Dated June 10, 1704. 1 *page.*

June 10. 121. Report of Mr J. Howe to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Sir Jeffery Jefferys, in respect to the subsistence of the

four companies of foot soldiers at New York, and as to warrant for the same. Dated 10 June 1704.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages*.

June 10. 122. Report of the Com^rs for Revenue of Ireland to the same, upon the petition of the Duke of Ormond, as to the prisage and butlerage (Ireland). Dated 10 June 1704.

The petition and an account of the totals of the prisage from 1695–1701.

Minuted:—"Read 19th June 1704. To be laid before ye Queen." *Again*:—"The Queen consents to a lease for 7 years at 3,500*l.* p annũ." 3 *pages*.

June 10. 123. Report of the Agents for Taxes on the petition of Mr Farrar, for compounding his debt as security for a receiver general for the county of Cambridge and Isle of Ely. Dated 10 June 1704.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition, an affidavit, and a warrant. 7 *pages*.

[? About June 12.] 124. Memorial of Sir Henry Ashurst, Bart., to the Lord High Treasurer. In the year 1696 a proposal was made to the King in Council for the transport from New England of several species of naval stores, and four persons were sent thither to enquire about the same, viz., two by his Majesty and two by the petitioner. The petitioner had spent much time and money thereon. 500*l.* were advanced to carry out the service, and additional allowances were to be made when the service was performed. The petitioner's agents had sent a journal of their proceedings and their expenses would appear by the account annexed; praying that what was additional to the 500*l.* of the expenses should be allowed, and leaving the recompense to himself with his lordship.

Also copy of a report by Wm Partridge and Benjamin Jackson to the Com^rs for Trade and Plantations, enclosing report of the state of the provinces of Massachusets bay and New Hampshire, with relation to the production of naval stores. Dated Sept. 25, 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 12 June 1704. My Lord will speak wth the Com^rs of ye Navy at their attendance."

Again:—"Read 25 July 1704. Direct the Com^rs of the Navy to discharge the imprest of 500*li.* to Partridge."

The "account" above referred to is united, but not the journal. 28 *pages*.

June 13. 125. Letter from the Prize Com^rs to Mr Lowndes, as to payment of charges of a prize ship bought by the Lord High Treasurer's directions for Jeronimo Prestoso. Dated 13 June 1704.

Minuted:—"This to be p^d out of the Queen's part of prizes." 1 *page*.

June 14. 126. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the provost and corporation of moneyers. By the indenture and constitution of the Mint, there was no provision for

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the moneyers, but only an allowance per pound weight for what they coined ; and there being then no coinage they could not subsist without some provision. The allowance in the time of the late Queen Mary of 30*l.* per ann. to each moneyer out of the coinage duty was irregular, &c. Dated 14 June 1704.

Minuted:—" Read 3d July 1704. My lord cannot create a new charge on her Mats revenues for her civil government."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 15. 127. Copy of report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the account of Charles Brawne, Esq., late Receiver General of the county of Somerset. Dated 15 June 1704.

Minuted:—" 30 Oct. 1704. The allowance to be pd and the accts to be cleared." 1 *page.*

June 15. 128. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer the petition of the officers and attendants of the train of artillery that served under the Duke of Ormond in the expedition at Cadiz and Vigo, for his report as to the reward they should have. Dated 15 June 1704.

The petition and a letter.

Minuted:—" Read 10th July 1704. These not being comprehended in the Queen's declaration, my lord can give them no share." 4 *pages.*

June 15. 129. " Mr Att. Genlls opinion about imprest repaid by Mr Povey." Dated 15 June 1704.

Minuted:—" A lre for issuing the wthin menconed money to ye Trer of ye Navy, for ye service of ye sick & wounded, taking care to reserve so much as will satisfy all demands due on accot of sick and wounded in ye late war." 2 *pages.*

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June 16. 1. Reply of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General, to a letter from Mr Lowndes, that he had never before heard from Mr Lowndes in the matter in question (as to export of woollen goods from Ireland), and had never received the memorial therein mentioned. Dated 16 June 1704. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

June 17. 2. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Richard Curtis, an inhabitant at Seaford, for services in preventing the export of wool, in watching the French shallops, in

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finding several of their letters, &c.; certifying the truth thereof. Dated June 17, 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 3 July 1704. To have 10li out of secret service money for the service mencond in this report. Paid 4th July 1704."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

June 17. 3. Report of Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, as to what might be raised in Waltham forest by the sale of dotard trees, or by any parts of trees blown down by the late storm (not being fit for any uses of her Majesty's navy), towards payment of the arrears to the keepers of the forest. He had surveyed the two walks called East and West Heynaults, the only parts of the forest wherein there were any woods or timber belonging to the crown; and he found great quantities of old decayed pollard oaks and hornbeams, fit for little but firing, from which money might be raised for these arrears, &c. If not shortly disposed of for her Majesty's use, they as well as windfalls would be sold by the woodward who claimed them as his perquisites. He (the woodward) should be obliged to produce his grant to settle his allowance, of wood &c. Dated 17 June 1704.

Minuted:—"26 July 1704. Write to Mr Jones the woodward to attend my Lord Trer wth his claim in writing and his grant upon wch the same is grounded." "Lre writ." 1 *page.*

June 19. 4. Certificate of H. Bythel, deputy of Brook Bridges, Esq., auditor, to the Ld High Treasurer, as to "the charges of Mr Fotherby in bringing over & pay of the Danish officers in 1689." Dated 19 June 1704. 1 *page.*

June 19. 5. Petition of John Peters to the Queen. Was first clerk to Guy Palmes, Esq., late one of the Four Tellers of the Exchequer, and had had losses by the coinage in 1695 and 1696. Had been encouraged to look out for something in his Majesty's disposal. He had discovered an estate claimed by the descendants of Sir George Carteret; but the Lady Carteret prevailed and had it confirmed to her and her children by Act of Parliament: asks for the grant of the particulars in an annexed schedule.

The schedule referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 19th June 1704. My Lord will see how this matter has been reported."

"The report is wthin & what the petr now prays is, so much as is marked in ye sd report with *."

"Not granted."

There is no report as mentioned. 2 *pages.*

[About June 19.] 6. Memorial of Captain Robert Gardner, on behalf of Col. Handasyd's and Col. Livesay's regiments in the West Indies, to the Lord High Treasurer for the allowance of the postage for their muster rolls.

Minuted:—"Read 19th June 1704. To be pd by a contingt warrt out of the money for the forces." 1 *page, quarto.*

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Minuted:—"Read 19th June 1704. To have a quarter." 1 *page.*

[? About June 19.] 8. Petition of Mary Stephens, widow of Anthony Stephens, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, for an allowance of sallaries of two clerks of her husband, who was cashier of the navy, and the balance of whose accounts was upwards of 700,000*l.*

Referred to the Comrs of the Navy, 19 June 1704. A letter thereon. 2 *pages.*

June 21. 9. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, upon an estimate for 2,599*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* for building a green-house at Kensington Gardens. Dated 21 June 1704.

Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

June 21. 10. Memorial from the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen and Exchange of Prisoners of War to the Lord High Treasurer. The debt of the office was estimated at 53,700*l.* They had sent as many prisoners to France as there were English there, but there remained about 2,000 French here, the cost of whom was 50*l.* a day; asking that these prisoners might be paid in money. Dated 21 June 1704.

Minuted:—"17 July 1704. My Lord resolves that 1,400*l.* every calendar month, for the subsist. of the prisoners of war, shall be pd to subsist them in money, and yt ye first paymt shall be made on ye 1st of Aug. next." 2½ *pages.*

June 21. 11. Report of Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a petition of Henry Portman, Esq., on the state of the palings of Hyde Park, which were so decayed that they would not keep the deer in, and on the state of the ponds, recommending a brick wall, the cost of which which would not exceed 3,600*l.*, which might be paid for by the wood. Dated 21 June 1704.

The petition and an estimate also. 3 *pages.*

June 21. 12. Report of the Auditors of Imprest and the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, on the claim of Sir Edward Seymour for a privy seal for several sums on his ultimate account as Treasurer of the Navy, ending 24 June 1681. Dated Navy Office, 21 June 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 25 July 1704. Prepare a privy seal for such of the articles as are proper to be allowed by authority of a privy seal, except the 3 last articles, wch are disallowed."

Also the acct of the several sums. 4 *large pages.*

June 22. 13. Report of the Comrs of Stamp Duties, relating to the offices of Controller and Accountant General, viz., on the memorial of Mr Pawling, Controller and Accountant General, and the petition of Samuel Ross, one of the clerks; as to irregularities in making up the accounts, &c. Dated 22 June 1704.

The memorial and petition. 3 *pages.*

June 22. 14. Letter of Lord Cornbury to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the accounts exhibited by the Countess of Bellomont of her late

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husband, the Earl of Bellomont [Governor of New York], the examination of which was intrusted to five persons in New York, two for the Countess and three for the crown, who could not agree as to the method of stating the same. He had sent the accounts stated as he thought they ought to be. A large portion of the letter is taken up with the state of the forces there during Lord Bellomont's administration, and the rest with other matters of account. Dated New York, 22 June 1704. 12½ *pages.*

June 22. 15. Letter unsigned, but from the same to the same, in relation to the accounts of Captain Nanfan, as respected the four companies of Fusileers in the province of New York. Dated New York, 22 June 1704. 3 *pages.*

June 22. 16. Memorial of stamp officers for repayment of the taxes on officers whose salaries were below 50*l.* Dated 22 June 1704.

Minutes on the back showing such remissions had taken place in previous years. 1 *page.*

June 22. 17. Letter from C. Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, with an extract from a letter of Sir Lambert Blackwell as to payment of his extraordinaries, that he might the better help the German generals in Italy, as he alleged he frequently did. Dated Whitehall, 22 June 1704. 2¼ *pages.*

June 23. 18. "Copy of an indenture between Mr Wilcox and a purveyor of ye navy, for timber delivered in Bushy Park and ye Middle Park at Hampton Court." Dated 23 June 1704. 1 *page.*

June 24. 19. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, on the memorial of Philip Papillon, cashier to the late Earl of Orford, late Treasurer of the Navy, as to his accounts for the victualling. Dated 24 June 1704.

Copies of two letters relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

June 24. 20. "Respitts on the troops and regiments from the 25th of April to the 24th June 1704." Signed, J. Howe. 1 *page.*

June 24. 21. "A view of the gross produce of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland in the two quarters ending at Midsummer." 1 *page.*

June 24. 22. Account and papers connected with the affairs of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen up to 24 June 1704. 5 *pages.*

June 24. 23. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber for a quarter's allowance of sums due up to Midsummer 1704. 1 *page.*

June 24. 24. Letter of Lord Cornbury [Governor of New York] to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the accounts of the Countess of Bellomont and Captain Nanfan, the unwillingness to state the accounts of the Countess, &c. She had presented several petitions to the Queen, upon which the Hon. the Earl of Nottingham had signified that her security should not be prosecuted. He (Ld Cornbury) informs his Lordship of the truth of these matters. Had written to the Attorney General to take security of her ladyship for

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10,000*l.*, as she was about to quit the province. The Attorney Gen[l] being informed that her ladyship intended to go privately on board her Majesty's ship Advice, took out a writ against her, and sent it to the sheriff of King's County (where her ladyship had gone under pretence of the sickness then raging at New York). The sheriff took the writ, and he supposed acquainted her ladyship with it, for on the next day he acquainted the Attorney Gen[l] that he had executed the writ and had taken security for 10,000*l.* The Attorney, upon enquiry, found her ladyship had gone on board, and that the securities were not worth 10*l.* a piece. Dated New York, 24 June 1704. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 25. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of M[r] Dummer as to the West India packet boats; advising that he should have 2,000*l.* imprested to him for the charges. Dated 24 June 1704.

Minuted:—"4 July 1704. A warr[t] to imprest the 2,000[li]."

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 26. Letter from the Earl of Ranelagh to M[r] Lowndes as to the sale of reversionary annuity orders, dated 24 June 1704, enclosing the following, viz.:

The state of the reversionary annuity orders, amounting to 5,017–09–01, which by a clause in an Act passed in the last session of parliament are to be applied to satisfy the moneys due in the reign of his late Majesty King William the Third to the out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, &c. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 27. Report of Sir Edw[d] Northey to the Lord High Treasurer as to the petition of Anthony Row, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer for the enlargement of the time for hearing his cause. Dated 24 June 1704.

With a minute for the hearing in next term.

There is also a paper relating to the suit between Lady Wood and M[r] Rowe as to tallies of the hearth farm. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 24. 28. State of the account of the Earl of Ranelagh, late Paymaster General of the forces, for seven years ending Lady-day 1699; presented by B. Bridges and E. Harley, auditors. Dated 24 June 1704. 23 *pages.*

June 27. 29. Letter from C. Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer as to the allowance of a brigadier's pay to Col. John Richards, going into the service of the King of Portugal as lieutenant-general of artillery. Dated Cockpit, 27 June 1704.

Minuted:—"My Lord thinks this may be ordered by my Lord Galway, col. of her Ma[ts] forces in Portugal, & will speak to his Lo[p] herein." 1 *page.*

June 28. 30. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sir Alexander Bruce as to several debts charged in the books of account of her Majesty's General Post Office due from such as had been post renters of Scotland. They propose

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that Sir Alexander should have a grant of the debts, paying the crown 1,000*l.* for the same. Dated 28 June 1704.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 3d July 1704. Shew this rept to Sr Alexr Bruce & know his proposal as to ye 1,000li proposed by the Postmr Genll to be pd for ye debt from Clarke." 3 *pages.*

June 30. 31. Report of the Attorney Genl to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Simon Lynch, and the report of the Comrs of the salt duties on that petition, as to the remission of salt duties. Dated 30 June 1704. 3 *pages.*

June 30. 32. Debtor and creditor account of John Brewer, Esq., Receiver General for Prizes, from the commencement of his office to the 30th of June 1704. 2 *pages.*

July 1. 33. Memorial of the Cofferer of the Household to the Ld High Treasurer for the expenses of the household for the quarter ending 1 July 1704. Signed, "Sam. Edwards." 1 *page.*

July 3. 34. Copies of four papers, the principal of which is the report of Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor General, on the petition of the Earl of Leicester, as to the stewardship, &c., of the honor of Otford, in the county of Kent, granted to David Polhill, Esq., 21 Feb., 12 Will. III., which grant determined by the King's death. Dated 3 July 1704. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 3.] 35. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the officers and clerks of the Tally Court as to the tallies struck by them, for which they had received no fees.

Minuted:—"Read 3 July 1704. A warrt to be prepared." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 4.] 36. Petition of the deputy chamberlains for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer, as to the counterparts of tallies received by them and sorted in order to be produced; praying for a warrant for payment of their labours.

Certificate of Lord Halifax of the same. Dated July 4, 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 6th Sepr 1704. Orderd." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 5.] 37. Copy of petition and other papers relating to the affairs of Robert Livingston, whose case had been referred to the Earl of Ranelagh and Mr Blathwayt. His demand for salary as secretary of Indian affairs for 20 years was referred by them to Lord Cornbury and the commander-in-chief and council of New York. The petitioner objected to this, and gave his reasons. He had made two voyages to England to get what was due to him; in the second (in 1703) he was taken by the French and stripped of all he brought for his support. If he were detained here until an answer were returned from New York it would be twelve months. The revenue appointed to pay his salary and other debts had been borrowed and applied to defray the contingent charges of the forces and fortifications. In the extracts enclosed there was a surplus of 2,457*l.* 14*s.* 0½*d.*

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on the contingencies, &c. Prays his Lordship to intercede with her Majesty to take off his suspension, and to order him the arrears of his salary.

The extracts referred to.

The last of these is certified on July 5, 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 17 July 1704. Send this copy to my Lord Ranelagh & Mr Blathwayt and desire them to review their report, together with what has been done by the Comrs of Accounts," &c., "to give his Lordship their opinion," &c. 8 *pages.*

July 5. 38. Memorial of the Controllers of the Army to the Lord High Treasurer. They had been applied to for certificates by persons who had supplied clothing to certain regiments, but in regard the patterns had only been sealed by the colonels, and not with the general's seal, as her Majesty's instructions directed, they forbore to examine the clothing. Dated 5 July 1704. 1 *page.*

July 6. 39. Presentment from the Post Master General to the Lord High Treasurer for the addition of a fifth boat at Harwich to the four packet boats already in her Majesty's service for the mails between England and Holland. Dated 6 July 1704.

Minuted;—"Approved." 1 *page.*

July 7. 40. Report of the Controllers [of the accounts of the army] to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the clothing of the four regiments in New York. Dated 7 July 1704.

Another paper relating thereto.

Minuted;—"17 July 1704. Ordered, provided ye cloaths answer ye patterns. For yt end to be brot to comptrs." 2 *pages.*

July 10. 41. Memorial of Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, late paymaster of her Majesty's forces, &c., relating to the state of his seven years account lately delivered in by the auditors. Dated 10 July 1704. 2¼ *pages.*

July 10. 42. Petition of John Key, clothier, to the Lord High Treasurer as to the off-reckonings of Brigadier Columbine's, now Col. Rivers', regiment.

Minuted;—"Read 10th July 1704." 1 *page.*

July 10. 43. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Edward Progers, Esq., for repairs required at Hampton Court in consequence of the late tempest. The works would amount to 198*l.*, and might be paid out of wood sales. Dated 10 July 1704.

Minuted;—"Ordered."

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

July 11. 44. An estimate of the charge of victualling 768 men for two months short allowance to be transported to Lisbon. 1 *page.*

July 11. 45. Report of the Duke of Ormond to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sir James Jeffreys, praying that his pay as Governor of Cork and of a company of foot in Ireland might be continued to him for a certain term of years. As he was zealous

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and had quitted a beneficial employment abroad, to attend the late King in the war in Ireland, the Duke thought he well deserved a mark of her Majesty's favour. He quotes a similar case of allowance to Col. Tobias Purcell, and says the city of Cork was first formed into a government in the year 1692, but by its situation it was incapable of strength, and was inhabited by merchants, and there would be no occasion to continue a governor there after the decease of the petitioner. Dated Whitehall, 11 July 1704.

The petition, a reference to the Lord High Treasurer, another to the above Duke, and an epitome of the prayer of the petition.

Minuted:—"17 July 1704. To be layd before ye Queen. A w^t to be prepared for granting this for 7 years." 4½ *pages.*

July 12. 46. "Post master General's presentment touching Mr Dummer's West Indy sloops, that the expence in the same may be no longer on accompt, but settled on a certain foot of agreement. With a proposal of advancing the tax of letters to and from the West Indys, towards reducing the charges of the Post Office. July 12, 1702." They proposed that on all single letters from the several islands a "bitt," which was the lowest species of coin (equal to 7½*d.* English), should be paid, and two "bitts" for a double letter, or each ounce. Dated 12 July 1704.

Minuted:—"31 July 1704. Read; my Lord agrees to this report, and directs the Postm^r[s] to prepare a draft of such a contract as they think proper to make wth Mr Dummer, leaving blanks for the rates, and lay the same before my Lord as soon as they can." 2 *pages.*

July 12. 47. An abstract of the pay of four regiments lately in the West Indies, under command of Lord Donegal, Lord Charlemont, Lieut.-Genl Earle, and Col. Gust. Hamilton. Dated 12 July 1704. 1 *page.*

July 12. 48. Copy of (1) an address of the Council and Assembly of the province of Massachusets Bay in New England, to the Queen, in praise of Col. Dudley, Captain General and Governor, for his success with the Indians, until the French emissaries had seduced them. Through their irruption the Governor had to garrison the frontiers for more than 200 miles, and to send parties into the desert, if possible to find out those bloody rebels in their obscure recesses, under covert of a vast hideous wilderness (their manner of living being much like that of the wild beasts), and give check to their insolencies. There were not less than 1,900 effective men in arms upon the eastern and western frontiers, besides the vessels and men on the coast, against the infestings of the French from Canada, Port Royal, and the West Indies, and they thought the neighbouring governments should bear a part of the charge. They express their detestation of the piracies and robberies lately committed by Captain Quelch and company, and hoped the speedy justice done on them would vindicate the Government from the imputation of giving countenance to them.

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(2.) An application for stores of war for the province. Dated Boston, July 12, 1704.

(3.) A memorial for the same stores. 4 *pages.*

July 13. 49. Report of Mr Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of Robert Clare, printer, mentioned in Mr Secretary Hedges letter hereunto annexed, to be the person who discovered the printer of the libel called "Legions address to the Lords," as to some small allowance for his subsistence. There was a proclamation of a reward of 100*l.* for discovery of the author, and 50*l.* to the printer. Dated 13 July 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 7th Aug. 30li out of sec. ser."

The letter mentioned and his petition. He says masters and men were so incensed against him that they denied him business. 3 *pages.*

July 15. 50. Memorial of Sir Jos. Tredenham [Controller of the Accts of the Army] to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the accounts of the paymasters general and others. The agents of the regiments evaded giving accounts of the money they received, calling themselves servants of the colonels, whereas they were paid out of the regimental money. Their salaries, then uncertain, should be settled. Some were paid out of off-reckonings, others received a man's subsistence out of each company, and others 2*d.* per pound for the full pay of the regiments they served. Dated 15 July 1704. 2 *pages.*

July 17. 51. Petition of the late Comrs for sick and wounded seamen to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of their salaries and incidents in winding up the affairs of that commission. Those who had lived on the credit of receiving the same had in 6½ years received only 1½ years salary. Dated July 17, 1704.

Minuted:—"26 July 1704. Mr Powys to enquire & inform my Ld [in] wt state Mr Poveys accots are & wt ballance remains upon ym."

Three other papers connected therewith. 4 *pages.*

[? About July 17.] 52. Petition of Anthony Redhead, citizen and pewterer of London, to the Lord High Treasurer, to be enlarged from prison, &c., where he had been five years, for the penalty of a bond for 2,000*l.*, given by him for the execution of the office of master and worker of the mint in the city of Norwich.

Minuted:—"17 July 1704. Lett ye reports be lookt out, and when my Lord comes to towne send for Mr Newton." 1 *page.*

July 20. 53. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, on the petition of Anthony Sturt, cashier to the late Treasurer of the Navy, on account of victualling; touching his accounts. Dated 20 July 1704.

Minuted:—"Direct Mr Sturt to hasten his voluntarily * charge to the comptr of ye victg."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

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July 21. 54. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the allowances made by the Navy Board to widows and children of persons lost in the late storm. Dated 21 July 1704.

Minuted:—"My Lord has no objection to these allowances, but send to Mr Borret to know what benevolence money has been collected, and how disposed." 1 *page.*

July 22. 55. Petition of Sir James Hayes, Bart., to the Queen. Had been in the government service 30 years, viz., in Ireland as captain of Foot Guards in 1674, and in the wars of Hungary, Germany, and Flanders had sustained great losses, received many wounds, had a long imprisonment for debt, and sickness. He was admitted a pensioner in the foot guards. Prays a yearly pension. Dated 22 July 1704.

Minuted:—"14th Aug. 1704. Sr James Hayes to have 5*li.* to carry him to Scotld. out of secret service mo. Paid eod. die." 1½ *pages.*

July 22. 56. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Arthur North of London, merchant, as to the debts of his father, for which he had become answerable as executor; making proposals for the payment of the same, &c. Dated 22 July 1704.

The petition, a proposal, and certificate.

Minuted:—"26th July 1704. Agreed to the report." 5 *pages.*

July 23. 57. Letter of Captn Francis Wivell to the Secretary of the Ld High Treasurer, asking him to read the enclosed memorial to the Lord High Treasurer with the other documents, and to ask his Lordship how he should proceed for a gratuity for having preserved two prize ships at Vigo. Counsel had advised him to petition the House, but he would not do so against his Lordship's opinion. Dated July 23, 1704.

His memorial. He conceived he had no reward for taking the Dartmouth man-of-war at Vigo, and preserving so much wealth for her Majesty at about 150*l.* charge, and also for the Tora galleon, forsaken by those who had taken her. He hoped he might be thought worthy of as great reward as Sir Thomas Hardy, who had 1,000*l.* given him by her Majesty, though he only brought the news and was not in the action. He had not now so much as the master and commander of the Isabella yacht, though a tender.

Copies of certificate of Sir Cloudesley Shovell and two affidavits. 5 *pages.*

July 24. 58. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Drake, constable of the parish of Milton Abbott, in the county of Devon, as to reimbursing him for defending himself against two indictments. Dated 24 July 1704.

Minuted:—"Ult. Julij 1704. My Ld can do nothing in this."

The petition. 2 *pages* (*one brief size*).

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July 25. 59. Report of the Agents for Taxes, to the Lord High Treasurer, on a letter from several gentlemen in Leicester, seeking the removal of a surveyor for the duties on houses, &c., to London. The very same gentlemen in October last had applied for the removal of another officer and succeeded; and they could not but conclude they wished to have both the officers of their own recommending, and so they would have the officers and the duties wholly in the power of the commissioners, whom they (the agents) seldom found ready to advance these duties, but on the contrary often zealous to make them less. Dated 25 July 1704.

Minuted:—"26th July 1704. My Lord is of opinion wth the agents, and if anybody enq̃res after this matter, this report to be shown to 'em."

A letter and a testimonial. 3 *pages*.

July 24. 60. A state of the account of the Right Hon. John How, Esq., paymaster of the guards, garrisons, &c., for the year ended 24 Dec. 1703; presented to the Lord High Treasurer by Mr Auditor Harley. Dated 24 July 1704.

On the back is a minute for a warrant to the auditor of the receipt in relation thereto. 8 *pages*.

July 25. 61. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Captain James Littleton, as to the stop put on the payment of his share of the prize "Star of the East." They conceived that whenever any ship of the enemy yielded without fighting or making resistance, all the goods and lading must be preserved to receive judgment in the Admiralty Court; but by the Queen's declaration of 1 June in her first year it was declared that all captains, seamen, &c., serving in ships of war or merchantmen in the Queen's service, might have as pillage, without account, the goods, merchandize, &c., found in any ship taken in fight upon or above the gun-deck. They were of opinion that this was to be taken with some restrictions. It might be proper to have the report of the Council of his Royal Highness on the case. Dated 25 July 1704.

The petition and an affidavit.

With these are also three other papers relating to the same matter of a few days later date. 7 *pages*.

July 25. 62. Earl of Ranelagh's and Mr Blathwait's report upon the memorial and demands of Robert Livingston, Esq. Dated 25 July 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 31th July 1704. The 994li 4s 7d to be pd by her Mats warrt out of the 30li p cent. The demand for salary to be stated and referred to Mr Attorny Genll." 2 *pages*.

[See also 5 July 1704, No. 37.]

July 27. 63. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition and bill of particulars of Thomas Seyliard, late Receiver General of Taxes for the co. of Cambridge and Isle of Ely, viz., as to allowances to be made him. Dated 27 July 1704.

The petition and an account. 3 *pages*.

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July 28. 64. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of "Lord Preston, in the kingdom of Scotland," who seeks to be discharged from certain liabilities. As to certain reserved rent on the manor of Arthurett and Randallington, and the capital messuage called Netherby Hall (Cumberland), the manor of Nunnington, and the capital messuage called Nunnington Hall, with the town and grange of Stonegra . . . (York). Dated 28 July 1704.

The petition and a certificate.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye Q."

"A wt to be prepared for passing a privy seal for discharging the Lord Preston, &c." 4 *pages.*

July 29. 65. A letter from Philip Howard to the Lord High Treasurer. If Mr Taylor had not subsisted him he would not have been in being to trouble his Lordship. 'Twas now the time to supply him for the recovery of his declining health by going into the country, or to keep him from starving whilst above ground; there was no medium in the case but death. Dated "July 29."

Minuted:—"4th Aug. 1704. Orderd 100li out of secret service moneys." 1 *page, quarto.*

July 29. 66. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, on the bills of John Hisenbuttle, joiner, and Josiah Kaye, locksmith, for 27 presses for the Cotton Library, approving the charges as well as the work. Dated 29 July 1704.

The petition and the two bills.

Minuted:—"Read 31th July 1704. Order'd." 4 *parts of pages.*

July 30. 67. Report of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded and Exchange of Prisoners at War to the Lord High Treasurer, showing the state of their debt, the number of sick and prisoners. The fleets came home so sickly that the number brought on shore was as large as after the greatest engagements. Dated 30 July 1704. 3½ *pages.*

[? About July 31.] 68. Memorial of Brigadier Shrimpton to the Ld High Treasurer, in relation to the Earl of Galway, for a supply for the army of shoes, stockings, &c., forthwith at Lisbon, where none could be had; also as to a new establishment for general officers.

Minuted:—"Ult. Julii 1704. My Lord will advs his pay to Xmas next. Bring a cert. from the office of this mo. See how much will be necessary to be pd on their pay for shoes, &c. My Lord will speak wth Mr St John about the genll officers." 1 *page.*

[About July 31.] 69. Memorial from the same to the same for advance of half a year's pay for his equipage.

Minuted:—"Read 31 July 1704. Advance so much as will carry him to Xmas." ½ *page.*

July 31. 70. Dormant warrant in favour of Sir Roger Mostyn, Bart., Controller of the fines for the counties of Chester, Flint, and Carnarvon. Dated 31 July 1704. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 1. 71. Letter of the Duke of Ormond [Lord Lieut. of Ireland] to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting the lighthouses in Ireland. The Parliament of Ireland having observed upon the establishment an allowance of 500*l.* per ann. for maintaining lighthouses, proceeded to an enquiry how they were supported. They found that the patent which Lord Abercorn had, obliged him to maintain six lights, but two only were insufficiently maintained. They resolved that the six lights should be maintained. The Attorney General reported on the case that his Lordship must maintain the same. The Com^rs of Revenue were instructed to examine into the matter and report. The Com^rs had reported and sent estimates for erecting and repairing the lighthouses necessary That at Dublin was estimated at 1,200*l.* The two lighthouses cost Lord Abercorn near 200*l.* per ann., and his clear profit did not exceed 300*l.* per ann. His (the Lord Lieut.'s) opinion was, that the whole matter had better be placed in the hands of the Com^rs of Revenue. The repairs ought to be immediately proceeded with. He would give directions for the one in Dublin. Asks that the matter may be laid before her Majesty, and for orders to be given. Dated 1 Aug. 1704.

The following are abstracts of the reports and other documents referred to :—

Report of the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords Justices there. In accordance with their Excellencies' order of 1 April last, and with a former order of reference relating to lighthouses, directing them to inform themselves, in the best manner they could, from the captains of men-of-war, expe[rienced] masters of ships, and such others as they thought most capable to advise them therein, upon what places lighthouses might most conveniently be erected for the benefit of trade, the security of her Majesty's ships, and the lives and goods of her subjects and allies, they had used the best means they could to be rightly informed therein, and having formerly reported their opinion on the lighthouse already erected on the Hill of Hoath, they now, in relation to the second lighthouse mentioned in the former reference, acquaint their Excellencies that they were informed the most proper situation to build it on was Cor Castle, but even there it would not be effectual, unless one or more lights were placed in the harbour of Dublin, in such manner as was proposed by the Surveyor General of Works, &c.

As for the lighthouses in the out ports which were mentioned in their Excellencies' reference, they had transmitted certain reports, draughts, and estimates for erecting such lighthouses as were necessary in the ports of Kinsale, Waterford, and the Isle of Magee. Dated 10 June 1704.

From the reports and other papers enclosed (the maps and plans are wanting) may be learnt, amongst much other information, that at the *lighthouse on the Hill of Hoath,* the hearth on which the fire was made was about 20 inches diameter, declining inwards towards the centre, where there was a grate of about 6 inches square for the ashes to drop through ; and that there was a pair of

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the smaller sort of smith's bellows, the nose of which was at least 5 feet from the fireplace, that the fireplace was not rightly made, and the bellows of little or no service. The surveyor proposed that a strong cylinder should be made of iron bars, of 2 feet diameter and 2 feet high, set upon a brick cylinder hollowed within, of near the same breadth in the clear, and about 4 feet high; by that means the bottom grate would be large enough (being 2 feet diameter) to let all the ashes through, that so the fire might burn the clearer, and the upright bars, without hindrance to the light, would enclose a large quantity of coals and make the fire so much the greater, and less subject to be extinguished by rains, or hid from the sea by its smoke in westerly winds, and a larger bellows should be provided and placed nearer the fire. He proposed to place lighthouses, one at Cor Castle between the Lord Hoath's house and the Warren house, one at the upper end of Polebegg, and one at the most northern part of Ringsend; and he explains his reasons for so doing. The lights to be kept in the lighthouse at Pool-beg should be large lamps; for this house standing in the sea, the waves beating violently against the underwork might extinguish a coal fire, and the light of the lamps (36 in number) would be more steady and constant, and cast a much greater light, and require much less attendance than any coal fire, and it was presumed would not be more expensive. The estimate for the same was 1,221*l.* 13*s.*

Kinsale.—As to the expense of building lighthouse and maintaining lights at the Old Head of Kinsale and Barry Oge's castle, Captn Corneile the engineer, Mr Edw. Bridges, architect, the officers of her Majesty's yard, &c. had been consulted. They believed that the very same places where the former houses were erected, were the most useful and commodious to be built on again, in regard that any ship or vessel that kept "both them lights open" might on the darkest night come with great safety into the harbour of Kinsale. The lighthouse which stood at Barry Oge's castle was entirely demolished, and that at the Old Head of Kinsale was so defective that it would want considerable repairs. [There is a diagram with the estimate.]

Waterford.—The lighthouse at the Tower Hook of this harbour was 140 steps to the top, and above that a large oval lanthorn, glazed, very much in want of repair, and to make the light serviceable an alteration should be made in the light or lanthorn wherein the light was kept. The lighthouse stood in the most convenient part of the harbour's mouth, and was formerly kept by Henry Loftus, Esq., who employed a person who was a smith, and allowed him only 12 barrels of coals yearly to keep up the light, which was no manner of use, &c. It was the opinion of the most knowing men of those parts that the light being once put into sufficient repair could not be kept with less than 200 great barrels of coals every year, at a cost of 30*l.*, and that 40*l.* per ann. should be given to a careful person to look after it, with two servants to blow up the fires.

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Isle Magee.—For the trade to the Lough of Carrickfergus the opinion was there should be a lighthouse on one of the Copeland Isles, commonly called Crosse Isle, and that a lighthouse on any part of Isle Magee would be no way comparable thereto. A lighthouse would be most useful on the South Rock, but was scarce practicable, or would be very chargeable. If there must be one on the Isle Magee, the place where the last lighthouse stood was the most proper. The light on the Isle Magee had been abandoned nearly 36 years. In the estimate it states the person would oblige himself to keep the light in it wth candles of 4 in the pound, 5 at a time, or to burn 10 at a time of 8 in the pound, for 15*l.* per ann.

A petition of James, Earl of Abercorn, in behalf of himself and Elizabeth, Countess of Abercorn, his wife, and their eight children, to the Queen. King Charles II., by patent dated 13th November in the 17th year of his reign, caused certain lighthouses to be built in Ireland by Robert, afterwards Sir Robert Reading, Bart., and lights to be maintained there. On surrender of this patent he granted a second patent (16 July, 19th year) to Richard, Earl of Arran, in trust for the said Robert Reading, and Jane, Countess Dowager of Mountrath, his wife, to hold six lighthouses and towers lately built by Sir Robert, and to receive for their support, from all ships and vessels trading to or from any of the harbours or ports of Ireland, 1*d.* per ton outwards, and from all ships of strangers 2*d.* per ton both inwards and outwards, and from fisher boats 10*s.* yearly for 61 years. Upon complaint to the English House of Commons that this was grievous to trade, the ships of subjects were exempted from payment, but the lighthouses were continued. Sir Robt Reading and his wife had expended in building the lighthouses 2,600*l.*, and considering the loss they would sustain (instead of the benefit intended by the King to the Countess and family for their services at the Restoration), the King granted to Sir Robert 500*l.* per ann. from the Exchequer in Ireland, during the rest of the term of 61 years, and the duty on foreign ships.

The six lighthouses might have been kept up with good profit out of the tonnage of *all* ships, the benefit being upwards of 1,600*l.* a year; but they could not possibly be supported out of the 500*l.* and the tonnage on foreign ships, and so the governors of Ireland were satisfied with two lighthouses only in the kingdom. The petitioner married Elizabeth, the daughter of the said Sir Robert and the Countess, and this 500*l.* per ann. was involved in the marriage settlement and for portioning the children.

In the last sessions the House of Commons in Ireland voted it necessary that lights should be maintained in the above lighthouses, and the petitioner was unable to comply with the vote by reason of the charge; praying for an acceptance of the surrender of the patent and the grant of an equivalent.

The report is minuted:—"A w^t^ to be prepared for authorizing the Com^rs^ of ye revenue to take care of repairing & keeping up of light h^os^ upon my Lord Abercorne's surrend^r^ of his title thereunder." 14 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

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Aug. 4. 72. Copy of the treaty between England and Savoy, 4 Aug. 1704, by which his Royal Highness of Savoy entered the grand alliance made at the Hague, 7 Sept. 1701, to provide for the common quiet and safety against the vast power and designs of France, which threatened the destruction of the public and universal liberty.

It is divided into nine separate articles. 6 *pages.*

Aug. 5. 73. Letter from S. Lovell to William Lowndes, Esq. Query as to a grant of Horton's estate in Cotton Abbotts and in Chester. The writer was going on his Chester circuit in 10 days, and would be glad to have the matter despatched. Dated 5 Aug. 1704.

Minuted:—"A warrt to be prepared to ye survr." 1 *page.*

Aug. 7. 74. Report of Sir Chr. Wren and estimate of alterations at St James, viz., for converting the apartment of Lord Delawar into a chapel for his Royal Highness, and adding what was then the chapel to Madam Hill's apartment. Dated 7 Aug. 1704. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 7.] 75. Petition of Sir Edward Dering, Knt., to the Lord High Treasurer, for his accounts and his case to be submitted to another auditor. The Navy Comrs had reported on it in 1680.

Minuted:—"7 Augt 1704. The Comrs of ye navy are proper judges of this matter & not an audr." 1 *page (brief size).*

[Aug. 7.] 76. Memoranda arising out of the accounts of Mr Fox and Mr Pauncefoot with Sir H. Furnesse for making remittances.

Minuted:—"7 Aug. 1704. These accots wth Mr Lowndes observations to be sent to Mr Fox to peruse, and to make a true state of what has been remitted by Sir H. F. for the services of the forces in Flanders by Comn, the times when, and at what rates, and also of what ought to be allowed to the said Sr H." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About Aug. 7.] 77. Petition of Jone Heard, butcher, and other tradesmen belonging to his late Majesty's household and stables. They had contracted with the Board of Greencloth to supply provisions upon a solemn assurance of constantly receiving their money every quarter, but there was a very considerable arrear due to them, and they were in danger of arrest by their creditors; praying for payment.

Minuted:—"7 Augt 1704. There is no mo for arrears." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 7.] 78. Letter of Robert Clare to the Hon. Charles Hedges. His petition (and he supposed Mr Borrett's report), lay at the Treasury unread. Complains of the necessities of his family, which they would not have known had he "not made the discovery;" praying for compassion.

Minuted:—"Read 7th Aug. 1704. 30li to be paid to Robert Clare out of sec. service mo." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Aug. 7.] 79. Petition of John Bromfeild, riding forester in the New Forest, to the Lord High Treasurer, for an arrear of 6*d.* a day, and a salary

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of 5*l.* a year, due for five years; also that in future it might be paid in the forest.

Minuted:—"7 Augt 1704. Ref. to Mr Wilcox." 1 *page.*

Aug. 8. 80. State of the Public Debt between England and Ireland. Dated Whitehall, 8 Aug. 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Aug^st 1704; to be further considerd." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 8. 81. Letter of the Duke of Ormond to the Lord High Treasurer, on the demand for the expense of holding the late sessions of parliament in Ireland. It ought to be allowed, being usual on the like occasions, the number of bills being more and the sessions longer than heretofore. Dated 8 Aug. 1704.

The particulars of the demand, also an "address of the House of Lords for their clerks." 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 9. 82. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the bills of Mr Anthony Vernatty for setting up lights in the Court of Requests for the accommodation of both Houses of Parliament, from 4 Nov. 1703 to 3 April 1704, recommending the allowance (128*l.* 4*s.*). Dated Aug. 9, 1704.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

The petition and the bill. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 9. 83. Report of the same to the same, on the demands of Capt. Michael Studholme, Keeper of the Roads, "for keeping the roads upon the establishment of the stables;" recommending the allowance (135*l.*). Dated 9 Aug. 1704.

Minuted:—"Order'd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 84. Representation of the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer. They met with great difficulty in getting in the debts; scarce any would pay without being compelled by law, which in course of proceeding admitted of great delay, and though the debtors were put to some expense, it bore no proportion to the interest of the money, which had never been insisted on in that country. If the persons indebted to the Queen by bonds were obliged to pay interest from the time the bonds became due, it would bring in the money with more expedition than all the process at law that could be used. Dated 10 Aug. 1704. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 10. 85. Letter of Mr Robert Cole to the Lord High Treasurer Describes his zeal and pains in maintaining her Majesty's interest against the arts of the French king and his ministers, who were incessant to work a rupture with us. Ships were there furnished with provisions, and were satisfied with the Dey's friendship, and this made the French king so anxious to purchase a war. It was a great hardship to have half his bill (for money disbursed) postponed. Want of speedy payment of his bills brought him under straights, &c. The French king sent his agent yearly 3,000 crowns, without deduction, and 2,000 more for extras. When the consul's reputation sunk, that of the peace must follow. He besought his Lordship to

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reflect on the many destructive consequences a war with Algiers would draw on us, and that the 4*s*. in the pound out of his salary might be remitted to him, or he could not keep a constant open table for her Majesty's friends. Dated Algier, 10 Aug. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 10. 86. Letter of Mr Secretary Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, sending a petition of Thomas Kirke, Esq., her Majesty's consul at Genoa, setting forth his expenses upon several occasions for the service of the nation; also several papers therewith, for the consideration of his Lordship; asking for payment. Dated 20 Aug. 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Xbr. 1704. He shalbe considered for his services (if any) in the Queen's time, but these are old pretences." 15 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 10. 87. Letter from the Secretary to the Comrs of Customs to Mr Taylour on a memorial of the Portugal envoy concerning some arms intended to be shipped from Portsmouth to Portugal, said to be stopped by the officers of Customs; ordering a deposit to be taken for the Customs. Dated 10 Aug. 1704.

Also an extract from a letter of the collector at Portsmouth and the Comrs reply. 2¼ *pages.*

Aug. 10. 88. Memorial of Colonel Robert Lundie to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for a further advance on his pay, to enable him to go to Portugal to serve in the station as adjutant-general, his circumstances being such that he could not provide his equipage. Signed.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye Queen. 10th Aug. 1704. 108li to be paid out of secret service money. p̃d 12 Aug. 1704." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 10.] 89. Application of C. Godfrey, Master of the Jewell Office, for six quarters pay.

Minuted:—"10th Augst 1704. Orderd that 200li be paid to Collo Godfrey out of sec. ser. money, and to mencõn in the acquittance that 'tis intended the same shall be repaid to her Matys use when the arrears due to him in his late Mats reign, as Mr of the Jewell Office, come to be paid."

Pd. 12th Aug. 1704. 1 *page.*

Aug. 11. 90. An abstract of wt is due in the office of ye works for half a year ending ye last of June 1704. Dated 11 Aug. 1704. 5½ *pages.*

Aug. 11. 91. Report of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of Robert Livingston, Esqre, and on a clause in an Act of Parliament made for punishing mutiny, desertion, and false musters. He was of opinion that her Majesty might direct the moneys advanced at New York to be repaid out of the remainder of the surplusage, &c. [that is, that Mr Livingston's salary might be paid therefrom]. Dated Aug. 11, 1704.

The case for the opinion and the clause of the Act. 4½ *pages.*

[? About Aug. 14.] 92. Petition of Thomas Bureau and Claude Fonnereau to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that the auditor of the Exchequer

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might not register an order and tally fraudulently transferred from them to Anna Dubois.

Minuted:—"Windsor, 14th Augt 1704. My Lord can give noe direction in a matter of right between party & party." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 14.] 93. Petition of James Cardonnel to the Lord High Treasurer. He had purchased the "place of court post" from William van Hulse, Esq., which he desired to resign in favour of Henry Andrews, Esq., son of Sir Matthew Andrews; praying that a patent might pass for the same.

There is also a memorandum reminding his Lordship that the Duke of Marlborough had prayed his Lps favour for the same.

Minuted:—"Windsor, 14th Augt 1704. My Lord Trẽar conceives there is intended to be a pecuniary consideration for the parting with this place, & her Maty has made an order that noe places shall be sold." 1 *page and a few lines.*

[? About Aug. 14.] 94. Petition of — Argill, widow and relict of Captain Argill, late of the Earl of Barrymore's regiment, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of certain respits due to her husband in 1696, but which were stopped to pay his debt.

Minuted:—"Windsor, 14th Augt 1704."

"The proper time for making such like application is elapsed." 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 15. 95. Letter of the Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes as to provisions delivered to Mr Hezekiah Marshall, late commissary general of the provisions for the forces sent to the West Indies. Dated 15 Aug. 1704.

Other papers relating thereto 7 *pages.*

Aug. 17. 96. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Andrews, Esq., receiver general in the co. Warwick and city of Coventry; recommending the transfer of a surplus. Dated 17 Aug. 1704.

The petition and a certificate. 2¼ *pages.*

Aug. 17. 97. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer in favour of an allowance of 35*l.* to Walter Wyatt, one of their officers for the county of Gloucester, for his good services. Dated 17 Aug. 1704.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 19. 98. Memorial from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning (1) the division of Baron Ronsele's pension of 100*l.* per ann. between the baron's daughter and the Lady de Vie; (2) the omission of 3*s.* a day to Mons. De Prade on the last establishment; (3) Capt. Thomas' pension; and (4th) the payment of debts in quarters in Ireland. Dated 19 Aug. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 99. Letter from the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the payment quarterly of Lord Mountalexander, one of the Lords Justices, and Master of the Ordnance in Ireland, as to 300*l.*

per ann. to Lord Ranelagh, as to a warrant for unpaid pension to Mrs Walter, and as to an additional company to Col. Stringer's regiment. Dated Whitehall 21 Aug. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 100. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a letter signed Philo Patriæ touching Mr Raworth and Mr Maxey's trade from the Canaries. Dated 21 Aug. 1704.
Also the letter. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 101. Letter from Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the benevolence money collected towards the relief of the widows and children of such persons as were lost in the late violent storm, and how the same had been disposed of. Dated 21 Aug. 1701. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 21.] 102. Petition of Daniel Pelcome to the Ld High Treasurer to be her Majesty's receiver of land revenue in Staffordshire, &c., John Digby, gent., having been formerly appointed thereto, but his "constitution" not renewed since her Majesty's accession.
Minuted:—"21 Aug. 1704. Ref. to Mr Audr Shales." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 21.] 103. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, as to works to be done by Mr Wise in St James' Park; approving thereof. (The lower half torn away.)
Minuted:—"Orderd 21th Aug. 1704." ½ *page.*

[? About Aug. 21.] 104. Petition of Captn Gilbert Edwards, late "Exoñ" under the Duke of Ormond, to the Queen. He had served the crown 27 years. He could not obtain a debt due to him of about 450*l.* promised to be paid to him when Sir Patric Trant's estate was settled. He had a pension in Chelsey College, but it was in arrear 2¼ years; praying for preferment and for the arrears.
Minuted:—"21st Augst 1704. The Queen doth not thinke fit to grant any new pen̄con. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 22.] 105. Copies of Reports of the Exchequer and of the Auditor General, and other papers in reference to Lieut.-General Steward and Katherine Viscountess Grandison his wife, as to a debt of 2,000*l.* and interest charged on the estate of William, late Earl of Clanricard, which became vested in Rickard, Earl of Clanricard, the Lord Galway, and the Lord Bophin, the last two having been attainted of high treason.
The copies are sworn as correct on 22 Aug. 1704. 9¼ *pages.*

Aug. 23. 106. Copy of Salt Comrs memorial, touching a late riot committed in Merionethshire in consequence of the capture of some salt. Dated 23 Aug. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 24. 107. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer upon an examination of the vouchers of annuities directed and due on or before Midsummer, 1702, viz., as to payments made or pretended to be made by Mr Robert Squibb, who seems to have been charged with embezzlement. Dated 24 Aug. 1704. 1 *page, and a roll of three or four sheets of paper decayed and in pieces.*

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Aug. 26. 108. Memorial of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer. He had viewed the ground within and without Swinley rails in Windsor Forest, where the rabbits were ordered to be destroyed, viz., about 1,000 acres. As near as he could tell, it would cost about 450*l.* to trench the burrows and make it fit for hunting. Dated 26 Aug. 1704. 1 *page.*

Aug. 28. 109. "Mr How's acct 28th Aug. 1704."
An abstract showing the full subsistence and clearings in Mr How's office. *A double page.*

[About Aug. 28.] 110. Petition of Henry, Lord Walden, Commissary General of the Musters, to the Queen, as to the appointment of a deputy commissary in the West Indies.
Referred 28 Aug. 1704 to the Lord High Treasurer.
Minuted:—"Read 9 Jan. 1704–5. The D. of Marlborough and my Lord Trer are of opinion that by reason of ye distance of Jamaica, Barbados, and the Leeward Islands, the appointing such a Depty Comry as is proposed would rather delay then hasten the rolls over; & are of opinion that the govr & councill should however continue to have ye inspeccons of ye musters & sign the rolls." 1¼ *pages.*

Aug. 29. 111. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Philip Vincent, late collector of Dundalk, who was in prison for the deficiency in his accounts. They were prosecuting his securities, but could not find that he had any effects. Dated 29 Aug. 1704.
His petition for his liberty. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 112. Report of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Major General Feilding, praying her Majesty's directions to the Lord-Lieut. of Ireland to give the necessary orders to her Majesty's Court of Exchequer there, to adjust and ascertain what remained due and unpaid of a debt of 25,500*l.* and interest for the same, claimed by the petitioner, as administrator of Margaret, Viscountess Purbeck, deceased; the same having been decreed in the year 1682 to be paid to her by William, late Earl of Clanrickard. By the said decree it was charged on the earl's estate, and allowed to the petitioner by the trustees for the sale of the forfeited estates in Ireland, and to apportion what share thereof the lands vested in her Majesty by the attainder of Ulick, late Lord Viscount Galway, and the Lord Viscount Bophin, sons of the said late Earl of Clanrickard, ought to bear; and that the Court of Exchequer should grant the petitioner a *custodiam* of the lands so vested in her Majesty until paid out of the yearly profits thereof the proportion of the debt the lands ought to bear. The Attorney General was of opinion that if the first of the three payments of the 25,000*l.* and interest had not been paid, the estate was absolutely vested in her Majesty for the use of the public, &c. &c. Dated Aug. 31, 1704.
Also the petition, which is torn in three pieces. 4¼ *pages.*

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1704. [? Aug.] 113. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sir Thomas Smith, Bart., praying that on the surrender of the present grant of the office of Ranger of the Phœnix Park, near Dublin, and of a piece of ground annexed thereto (which he enjoyed during the lives of William Fownes and Henry Petty, Esq.), the grant might be renewed to him (the petitioner) during his own life and the life of William FitzMaurice, Esq. Certifying that the petitioner held the same by assignment from Fownes and Petty, to whom it was granted 14 March, 11 Will. III. A part of Newton Lodge had always been enclosed with a hedge, and kept separate from the park, for the use of the chief ranger and keeper of the walk called Newton Walk, which had then been enclosed with a stone wall at the charge of the Ranger, and there was some allowance for keeping more cows. It would be well for the safety of the petitioner to have this ground granted to him. A surrender of the former patent should be obtained, and a new grant made to the petitioner of the "office & offices, lodge, walk, & fee of 50*l.* per ann., with the piece of ground mentioned," &c. Undated, but ? Aug. 1704.

The petition, and a letter of the Ld High Treasurer referring it to the Ld Lieutenant to report. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 5. 114. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, as to their great care in their duties, &c., and praying for favourable consideration of their services and of their extraordinary charges, payments, and expenses. Dated 5 Sept. 1704.

Minuted:—"8 Sepr 1704. To be laid before ye Queen." "My Lord will speak to them. Vict^rs^ taxes all^d^." 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 115. Letter from the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, returning a packet of papers from Col. Nicholson, Governor of Virginia, as they did not concern the revenue or their management. Dated 6 Sept. 1704. 1 *page.*

[*The papers not now enclosed.*]

Sept. 6. 116. Letter of the Prize Com^rs^ to Mr Lowndes, as to payment for the brass and iron guns and the stores in the custody of the Board of Ordnance. The Navy Board had not paid for the prize men of war taken at Vigo. Several buyers of the Vigo booty had not paid for the same, and were under prosecution, and Sir William Hodges had a claim for goods in one of the galleons, depending before the Lords of Appeals. Dated 6 Sept. 1704. 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 117. Report of Sir Chr. Wren, Messrs Wm Lowndes, William Petyt, and John Anstis, to the Lord High Treasurer. They had viewed Cæsar's Chapel within the Tower of London, which was a large room at the top of the White Tower. They found there multitudes of records of several reigns lying confusedly, in danger of utterly perishing, unless speedy care were taken for their preservation. Drawers, shelves, and presses should be immediately provided to receive them, as they should be cleaned from the dust.

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After diligent perusal of such as were written on one side and of value (and not writs of course at the common law), they should be fixed into books, in the same manner as the ancient deeds were in the Cottonian Library, with paste prepared with colliquintida to secure it against worms, by which means the small pieces of parchment would be much better preserved than by putting into bundles. This method could not be expensive, since paper fit for the purpose might be had at cheap rates. They conceived it would be a labour of too great difficulty to range those instruments according to the exact series of time, or their respective subjects. The records of each king's reign should be glued on indiscriminately as they were cleansed, and when a book was finished and bound an index should be carefully made thereto of the subject matters, under proper heads, according to succession of time, referring to the numbers of the original instruments, and not in the dry form wherein the calendars in the Office of Records (which were kept in another part of the Tower) were imperfectly composed, as they contained little more than the names of persons and places, being prepared only for the service of the Court of Wards, to discover tenures and descents. Such bare tables of names could not be of that use to the public as repertories of things would prove, containing abstracts of records digested according to their various natures under distinct and methodical titles. In this manner the public service seemed to require that like calendars should be made, as well as to the 429 Foreign Rolls (whereof there were no abstracts at all in the office) as to those which should be reduced to order.

The office consisted of three rooms, in one whereof the records were "reposited." On one side the wall was damp, and the wainscot should be removed at a further distance from it, and drawers might be made, &c.

Presses, drawers, and shelves might be placed in the two other rooms for 150*l.*

Minuted:—"Done."

There was a building of boards contiguous to the room, which was lately on fire and with difficulty extinguished, whereby the whole office was in danger of being destroyed. The building ought to be taken down for the security of the records and the Tower.

Minuted:—"Done."

The sorting these records and compiling calendars would be the fruit of great pains and industry, and take a long time. It was not possible to get a considerable number of clerks conversant in the old French language, the characters and knowledge of those ages; nor was the office convenient for many clerks. They conceived that three would suffice, besides Mr. George Holmes, who had been 14 years in the office, and was qualified to be chief clerk at 100*l.* yearly. The three other clerks might have 150*l.* annually amongst them, to be employed under the directions of the Keeper of the Records, to report yearly to the Treasury. Dated 6 Sept. 1704.

Minuted:—"Approved." 3 *pages.*

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Sept. 8. 118. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before the latter the reports of the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer and Auditor General of Ireland, as to what proportions the estate of the Lord Bophin (which vested in Her Majesty) and that of the Earl of Clanrickard should be charged with the residue of a debt of 2000*li.* and interest, due to Lieut.-Gen[l] Stewart and the Lady Grandison; for further orders to be given. Dated 8 Sept. 1704. 1 *page.*

[The reports are not now with the above.]

Sept. 9. 119. Report of M[r] St. John and the Controller of the army accounts, about the clothing of the four companies at New York. Dated Sept. 9, 1704. 1 *page.*

Sept. 11. 120. "A computation of the fees through the severall offices in passing nine commissions for trying pirates in America, with duplicates of the same under the great seal. Signed 'Henry Baker.'" Dated 11 Sept. 1704.

Also a petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 12. 121. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Doctor Davenant as to the allowances to the clerks in his office, as Inspector General of Exports and Imports of the Customs. Dated 12 Sept. 1704.

Minuted:—"My Lord agrees with this report."

Also two memorials. 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 13. 122. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Francis Smalley of London, merchant, as to bringing his effects from the Canary Islands. Dated 13 Sept. 1704.

Minuted: "Read 16 Oct. 1704. He must make his application to her Ma[ty] in Counsel."

Copy of another report on the same subject, the petition, and two other documents. 5 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Sept. 13. 123. Report of the officers of works, on the petition of Richard Stacey, bricklayer, to the Lord High Treasurer, advising the advance of 800*l.* on the works of a greenhouse at Kensington, estimated, when complete, at 1,560*l.* Dated Sept. 13, 1704. 1 *page.*

Sept. 15. 124. "A particular of the loss of Joseph Gyde, by his being taken by the enemy in his passage to Jamaica on the 15th of September 1704." (Copy.) 1 *page.*

Sept. 17. 125. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the L[d] High Treasurer. He had lately received from the Lords Justices of Ireland a report of the Com[rs] of the Revenue upon the petition of the clergy of Ireland, praying her Majesty to grant to them the first fruits and twentieth parts, as her Majesty had lately done in England. Sends the report to be laid before Her Majesty. Dated 17 Sept. 1704.

The report mentioned.

The last minute on the back is:—"4 Apr. 1705. The Queen will declare her pleasure in some short time." 2 *pages.*

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Sept. 17. 126. From the same to the same, as to the clothing and arming of the company of Battle-Axes in Ireland. Dated 17 Sept. 1704.
Minuted:—"Read 18th Sepr 1704. My Lord Trer is of opinion that the sum my Lord D. shall thinke necry for the cloaths & accoutremts be advanced to them, & be deducted out of their future pay." 1 *page*.

Sept. 21. 127. Report of Jos. Tredenham and Arthur Moore, controllers of the army, to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Richard Lawrence, asking for payment of 100 pounds for five chests of medicines delivered to Doctor Gaylard, for the use of the five regiments in the late expedition to the West Indies; recommending the payment. Dated 21 Sept. 1704.
Minuted:—"Approved." 1½ *pages*.

Sept. 21. 128. Order of Council referring the consideration to the Ld High Treasurer of a pension to Sir George Barnewell, in return for the loyalty of his family, whose estates in Meath in Ireland were sequestered in the time of Cromwell. Dated 21 Sept. 1704.
Minuted:—"Prepare a S. M. to comence from Michas last." 4½ *pages*.

Sept. 27. 129. Letter from Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, asking to be allowed to plant with acorns the waste ground of the New Forest. Dated 27 Sept. 1704.
Minuted:—"Orderd accordingly." 1 *page*.

Sept. 28. 130. The constitution or appointment of George Holmes, gent., as chief clerk under the Keeper of the Records at the Tower of London. Dated 28 Sept. 1704.
With a memorandum at the foot that it is entered in the office of the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, 19 Feb. 1704. On vellum. 1 *page*.

Sept. 28. 131. Letter from the Earl of Ranelagh to the Ld High Treasurer, complaining that he had no money to satisfy a warrant received by him for the paymt of 182*l*. 10*s*. to Deputy Commissaries of the Musters. Dated 28 Sept. 1704. ½ *page*.

Sept. 29. 132. Report of Mr J. Howe on the petition of James Patterson, "an invalid reduced at Tinmouth," recommending him for the royal bounty. Dated 29 Sept. 1704.
Also the petition. 2 *pages*.

[Sept. 29.] 133. Abstract of public accounts from Michaelmas 1701 to Michaelmas 1704. 5 *pages*.

Sept. 30. 134. Letter of the Verderers of the New Forest to the Lord High Treasurer. At the Swainmote Court held in the New Forest, one Furzer, an under officer of the surveyor, was tried and found guilty of cutting and selling the Queen's wood and timber, contrary to the laws of the forest and of the late Act made for the preservation of the wood and timber there. There was great latitude to defraud her Majesty of wood and timber there. One Crampton, a groom-keeper in the New Forest, had counterfeited and used to the

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Queen's prejudice a marking axe, like the Queen's officers in the New Forest used to mark timber and wood. His grace the Lord Warden had directed a strict enquiry to be made thereof. The Lord Warden had promised to confer with the Lord High Treasurer thereon. Dated 30 Sept. 1704.

Minuted:—"16 Oct. 1704. To the surv^{r} to give an answer in writing, upon wch my Lord will appoint a day of hearing." 1 *page*.

Sept. 30. 135. "Debt of the Office of Ordnance for stores deliver'd and services performed to the 30th of Sept^{ber} 1704, with an acc^{t} of what contracts and warrants for stores were made and issued for stores deliver'd and ready to be deliverd." (Copy.) 1 *page*.

Oct. 2. 136. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Lord Bophin, who was restored to his estate in Ireland forfeited by the Act of the Irish forfeitures, charged with the payment of 25,000*l*. to the crown, at the times mentioned in the Acts set forth in the petition; in default of payment whereof, the estate was to be vested in the crown for the purposes therein mentioned. The two last of these payments not having been fully made, the petitioner prayed her Majesty that he might have further time for the payment of the remainder; and that Lieut^{t} Genl Stewart, and the Lady Grandison his wife, might not be relieved by her Majesty for the debt claimed by them out of the said estate, and allowed to them on their claim before the trustees for the Irish forfeitures; but might be left to their remedies by law or equity. The Attorney Genl certifies as to Margaret, Viscountess Purbeck's transactions with this estate, as well as the transactions of William, late Earl of Clanrickard (father of the Ld Bophin), and of Richard, late Earl of Clanrickard, &c. He was of opinion that as the two last payments had not been fully made, the estate restored was vested in her Majesty for the use of the public, but not as an absolute estate. He also advises other things about the same. Dated 2 Oct. 1704.

The following *minute* is on the back of the last paper:—"Read the 16 Oct. 1704. The debt to be ascertained in Ire^{l}d as proposed by Mr Attorney."

The petition referred to, and a black letter copy of an Act of Parliament "for advancing the sale of the forfeited estates in Ireland," &c., "and for explaining several Acts relating to the Lord Bophin and Sir Redmond Everard," a duplicate of the report, also two lists showing the sums paid and by whom, towards the 25,000*l*., and another paper. 31 *pages*.

Oct. 3. 137. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a complaint made by Mr Nathaniel Blackmore, formerly lieutenant of H.M. ship the Litchfield, commanded by the Lord James Dursley, as to certain prize ships, about which there was a prosecution against the latter. Dated 3 Oct. 1704.

Minuted:—"18 Oct. 1704. Order no further prosecution of Lord Dursley on this acc^{o} and take off the stop of the prize m^{o} due to him."

Four other papers. 6 *pages*.

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Oct. 3. 138. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sir Salathiel Lovell, recorder of London, concerning the reward of 40*l.* for apprehending highwaymen. Dated 3 Oct. 1704.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak wth Mr Attorney." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 5. 139. Copy of Royal Commission appointing Master David Crawfurd, junior, of Drumsoy, Historiographer for Scotland. Dated 5 Oct. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 6. 140. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Maurice Birchfield, applying to succeed Mr Culliford in returning an acct of tobacco & other certified goods landed in Ireland. Dated 6 Oct. 1704.

Minuted:—"20 Oct. 1704. A warrt to constitute him to the office," &c.

The petition. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 9. 141. Mr. Taylor's statement of the case on the petition of Anne Bowtell, widow of William Bowtell, late of London, merchant, for 100*l.*, being the balance due to her husband for money expended for redemption of English captives. Dated 9 Oct. 1704.

Written on the back of the petition.

Minuted:—"A warrt for this 100li in full." 1 *page.*

Oct. 10. 142. Letter signed "M. Aylmer" to Wm Lowndes, Esq., as to the stay of process in connection with the account for the repair of Dover pier. Dated 10 Oct. 1704. 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 143. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer concerning "the gravers place," viz., as to the qualifications of Col. Parsons, Mr Croker, Mr Rose, Mr Fowler, and Mr le Clerk, in place of Mr Harris, deceased. Mr Harris being only a seal cutter had employed Mr Croker for the Mint, who was "a very able artist."

There should be a set of gravers constantly brought up in the Mint to propagate their art to probationers or apprentices. Mr Harris was also graver of seals for Her Majesty. Mr Rose desired to succeed Mr Harris in that place, and by a seal shown to them for the Duchy of Lancaster he seemed qualified. Col. Parsons and Mr Fowler did not themselves grave, and therefore were not fit for the service of the Mint. Dated 12 Oct. 1704. 2¼ *pages.*

[About Oct. 16.] 144. Petition of Richard Dalton to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant for payment of 20*l.* due on an annuity purchased.

Minuted:—"16 Oct. 1704. My Lord dos not conceive the Act of Parliamt allows his Lop to do this." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Oct. 17.] 145. Report of Mr Henry Wise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition (enclosed) of William Clark, who had been 28 years employed in looking after the fences of St James' Park. Petitioner had asserted that it was her Majesty's pleasure that he should be employed in St James' Park, and produced a minute to that effect, but her Majesty told him (Mr Wise) that she never ordered such a minute. Read 17 Oct. 1704. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 17. 146. Letter of Lord Ormonde on the memorial of Captain William Wanless, who in his passage to Jamaica was taken by the French and suffered several months imprisonment, viz., as to his pay, &c. Dated Whitehall, 17 Oct. 1704.

Minuted:—"Prepare a ltre as to ye remaindr of his pay." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 18. 147. A brief account of papers awaiting decision at the Treasury, with minutes added, entitled: "Business of Ireland depending at the Treasury." Signed by Lord Ormonde. Dated Whitehall, 18 Oct. 1704. 2¼ *pages.*

Oct. 18. 148. Memorial from the Comrs of sick and wounded to the Lord High Treasurer, as to their pressing necessities. They had paid 5,000*l.* out of the 10,000*l.* ordered them for the sick and wounded brought home in the fleet under Sir Geo. Rooke, &c. Dated 18 Oct. 1704.

With an acct of the moneys due at the various ports.

Minuted:—"2,800 orderd and to be further considerd." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 18. 149. An account of money voted for the navy during the last war and since, by the House of Commons, over and above the usual proportions for the general heads.

Memoranda of sums applied for victualling.

Also: An abstract of the number of ships diminished and added to the Royal Navy since her Majesty's accession to the throne, as also the number of ships building. This last is dated Navy Office, 18 Oct. 1704. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 150. Copy of report from the Comrs of the Excise, relating to some Spanish prize brandy at Plymouth. Dated 19 Oct. 1704.

Also memorial of prize comrs thereon. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 151. Report of the officers of works to the Lord High Treasurer, on an estimate of Henry Wise of various works in several gardens and parks. Dated 19 Oct. 1704.

The estimate referred to. Her Majesty had ordered the works to be performed during the winter season.

Minuted:—"1500l in pt." 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 20. 1. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of merchants of London and others who bought up East India goods for exportation, relating to the payment of their debentures for muslins exported. Dated 20 Oct. 1704.

The petition and another paper. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Oct. 20. 2. Memoranda or accounts of appraisements of wines from St Sebastian. Richard Hosier seems to have been employed to appraise them, and they are mostly dated 20 Oct. 1704.

[The first of the papers though relating to the same matter appears to be of the reign of William III.] 12½ *pages.*

Oct. 20. 3. Letter from the Comrs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to the state of the prize cash, and as to the prizes brought home by Sir George Rooke, particularly the Genoese ship. They had no account of any prize ships brought home by the fleet under Sir George's command, except the Nostra Signora de la Bonhora from Leghorn. Dated 20 Oct. 1704.

Another paper containing the items of the state of the prize cash. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 4. Copy of a letter of Mr Ellis Terrell to the Comrs of Prizes as to prize ships taken by her Majesty's vessels. Dated Lisbon, 20 Oct. 1704. 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 5. An estimate of the debt of her Majesty's navy, signed by the Comrs of the Navy. Dated Navy Office, 20 Oct. 1704.

A paper containing the same information. Dated Admiralty Office, the same day. 4 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 20.] 6. The case of Mr Ashe, comptroller of the port of Plymouth, and members, viz., as to his fees.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak to C. of Customes at their next attendance." 20 Oct. 1704. Not granted." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 21. 7. Report of the Comrs of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the allowance of their incident bill for officers' salaries. Dated 21 Oct. 1704.

Copy of letter on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 24.] 8. Report of the officers of the Mint on the petition of Mr Robert Weddell and others, who apprehended Carter, alias Browne, alias Williams, and demanded 100*l.* reward for that service as advertized in the Gazette. Referred 24 Oct. 1704.

The petition and copy of the Gazette. 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 24. 9. Report of Henry Shales, auditor, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Digby, receiver of her Majesty's land revenues in the counties of Hereford, Worcester, Salop, and Stafford, as to his accounts and the surplusage thereof. Dated 24 Oct. 1704.

The petition.

There is also a report, dated in the previous month, from the same auditor, chiefly on the same subject, together with a letter. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 10. Letter of Mr E. Dummer to William Lowndes, Esqre, as to his claims for the vessels employed for the West India mails. Dated London, 24 Oct. 1704.

Minuted:—"25 Oct. 1704. The Post Mrs are to make an agreemt wth him; by yt agreemt ye account will be determin'd, & then wt appears to be due to him shall be paid." 1 *page.*

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Oct. 24. 11. Report of the Com^rs of Excise on the "petition of Charles Villiers, Esq., and Katherine Villiers, widow and executrix of Geo. Villiers, Esq., deceased, who, with the said Charles Villers, were executors to the father of the late Lord Grandison," viz., as to a bond for which they were answerable. Dated 24 Oct. 1704.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Nov. 15th 1704. Read. Prepare a privy seale to discharge this bond." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 12. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Baldwin Malet, Esq., late Rec^r Genl of the county of Somerset; advising the prosecution of Mrs Eliz. Brawn, executrix of the Rec^r General of the same county. Dated 24 Oct. 1704.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 13. An acco^t what is due in the Office of her Ma^ts Works for the quarter ending the last of Septr 1704. Dated 25 Oct. 1704.

With a minute that the amount was ordered. 5¼ *pages.*

Oct. 25. 14. Report of Sir Edwd Northey, Attorney General, on the petition of John Russell, who solicited the suit in the Exchequer which, at the instance of the House of Commons, was prosecuted against Daniel Gwin, sometime collector of the customs at Falmouth, and agent for the Spanish packet boats; recommending the allowance to him of 60*l.* Dated 25 Oct. 1704.

The petition (much injured) and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 15. Navy Office, 26 Oct. 1704. } An abstract of the ordinary estimate of the navy for the year 1705. 1 *page.*

An estimate of the charge of her Majesty's bounty to the widows and orphans of the seamen lost in the ships of her Majesty and other vessels cast away in the last great storm.

An estimate of the charge of the ships built and building in lieu of those which were lost last year in the great storm.

On the backs of these is:—"Ord^d 2 Nov. 1704. Bro^t in 3 Nov." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 16. Memorial of Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer for the appointment of Joshua Eling in place of John Lipscome, deceased, to look after and repair the enclosures of the New Forest. Dated 26 Oct. 1704. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 17. Report of Mr William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr William Taylor, keeper of the Gate House prison, Westminster. On the 24th of March 1702–3, 35 prisoners of war were delivered into the prison, and on the 5th of April one more. The report concerns the accommodation of, and charge for, the prisoners. Her Majesty intended to satisfy the petitioner for fees and lodgings, and such of the prisoners as lay on the boards were to have beds fit for their condition. The petitioner had a right to be paid for lodging at the rates set down by him, not exceeding 2*s.* 6*d.* a week for a man, and from the 5th of April, when he was ordered

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to find beds for those who lay on the boards, the like allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a week for every man. He was also well entitled to his fees. Dated 27 Oct. 1704.

Accompanied by:—"The keeper of the Gatehouse his account for the lodging and fees of imprisonment of the French gentlemen prisoners at war;" showing their names.

Also the petition and copy of a report from the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded on the same subject. 4¼ *pages.*

Oct. 28. 18. Letter signed P. Bowles to Henry Cartwright and Henry Vincent, Esq^res^, as to the charge made to Lord Donegall's regiment for subsistence. Dated 28 Oct. 1704. 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 19. "An acco^t^ of moneys paid by the Office of Ordnance for stores delivered, services performed, freights, &c., between 30 June 1702 and 30 Oct. 1704."

On the back is:—"Ord^d^ 2 Nov. 1704. Bro^t^ in 9 Nov. 1704." 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 20. "An acco^t^ of the tunnage and gunnage of prize ships taken into her Majesty's service, which were taken from the enemy in the action at Vigo." Dated 30 Oct. 1704.

Also of other prizes not taken at Vigo. 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 21. Account of the money due to the Prize Office from the Board of Ordnance, for stores, guns, &c. Dated Oct. 30, 1704. 1 *page.*

April 25 to Oct. 30. 22. Presentments to the Ld High Treasurer, and other papers of Samuel Atkinson and Nicholas Roope, Esq^res^, Com^rs^ for Transportation of her Majesty's forces. Between 25 April and 30 Oct. 1704. 22 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 23. "Mr Bowyer the printer, his affid^t^ concerning the 1st tom. of Rymer's Fœdera." Sworn 1 Nov. 1704.

There were 250 copies of each sheet printed, allowing a dozen sheets on every sheet for casualty of printing. To prevent a greater number being clandestinely printed or fraudulently disposed of, under pretence of copies, which by custom the journeymen claimed a title to, he had agreed for, and paid to every journeyman a weekly stipend in money in lieu of the copies. 1 *page.*

Nov. 1. 24. Presentment from the Principal Com^rs^ for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the guns for which the Board of Ordnance is accountable, as to bills on the Com^rs^ of Victualling, which they could not pay [with a minute for the payment of the same out of the 25,000*l.* lately issued], as to claims by them on the Navy Board, a claim on them by Sir William Hodges, a prize ship called the Golden Duck, delivered to the Emperor of Morocco, in lieu of a ship of his burnt by some English ships, and as to prize brandy lying at Plymouth. Dated 1 Nov. 1704. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 1. 25. "Debt of the Victualing for payment in course each month to the 1st of November 1704." (*Totals only.*) ½ *page.*

Nov. 6. 26. Report of Mr William Vanbrugh on the petition of her Majesty's servants above stairs, viz., as to their allowance for attendance on her Majesty at Windsor or Hampton Court. Dated 6 Nov. 1704.

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 27. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the settlement of the wine gallon by an Act of Parliament, and for a remedy against the sale of damaged wine. Dated 7 Nov. 1704.

Two other documents connected therewith. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 8. 28. An account showing the remains and deficiencies of the public funds for the years 1702 and 1703, &c. A comparison of the debts and incumbrances incurred in her Majesty's reign now remaining unsatisfied, 8 Nov. 1704; with the moneys which since 8 Nov. 1701–2 have been paid upon debts and incumbrances incurred in the previous reign. 4 *large pages.*

Nov. 8. 29. Report of the Officers of Works on the petition of John Warner, Master of her Majesty's barges, as to repairs of the barge-house, necessary from the damage done by the tempest the last year. Dated 8 Nov. 1704.

Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 8. 30. Report of Officers of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on a proposal for the better securing and advancing the duty on malt, upwards of 50,000*l.* per ann. offered by Robert Finch. To prevent frauds his principal proposal was to make all maltsters steep their barley only twice a week. On various grounds they object to his propositions. Dated 8 Nov. 1708.

Minuted:—"Nov. 15 1704. Read. My Lord concurs with this report."

Also the proposal.

Both documents contain many particulars of the method of malt-making. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 31. "An abstract for Windsor, July, August, & September 1704," being the total sums required by the Officers of Works. Dated 9 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Novr 1704. Orderd." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 32. An account of what has been done in pursuance of the report of the Lords Committees appointed to consider of the method of keeping Records in offices and of the order of the House of Lords dated 30 March 1704. Delivered by the Lord High Treasurer, 10th November 1704.

This account consists of a copy of the details of what the Lord High Treasurer had ordered to be done for the preservation and making accessible the Records at the Tower of London. It was

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accompanied by copies of eight other documents, of which two only remain, viz., (No. 7) as to the presses and shelves (No. 8) as to the appointment of clerks. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 33. The Earl of Ranelagh's report on the account and papers referred to him relating to the Earl of Donegal's regiment in Ireland. Dated 10 Nov. 1704. 1 *page.*

Nov. 9 and 13. 34. "An estimate of the charge in the Office of Ordnance for Land Service for ye year 1705."

"Ord^d 2 Nov. 1704. Bro^t in 9 Nov."

"A computation of the ordinary charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land Service for the year 1705."

Ord^d 11 Nov. 1704. Bro^t in 13 Nov. 1704. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 13. 35. Memorial of Lord Ranelagh to the Ld High Treasurer, expressing his willingness to pay the sums ordered in two warrants to the Lord North and Grey and to Capt. Lechire, if his Lordship would order the money into his hands. Dated Nov. 13, 1704.

Minuted:—"5 Dec. 1704. Out of ye overplus of ye malt duty an^o 1702." ½ *page.*

Nov. 13. 36. Various papers ordered to be prepared by the House of Commons and "brought in" between 3 and 13 Nov. 1704. They relate to expenses of the war, subsidies payable to allies, estimates, expenses of sea service, charge of ordnance, income and issues from public funds, victualling and prize offices, droits of Admiralty, and transport service.

Nov. 14. 37. "Memorial of Sir Cloud. Shovell and Jno Hill, Esq., relating to a loan on the subsidy, 1703." Dated London 14 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Xbr. 1705. To be made good with the rest in the same circumstances." 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] sending a letter of Mr Hugh Mason, collector of the port of Hull, as to the payment of the land tax by the patent officers. Dated 15 Nov. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 39. Extract from a Pipe Roll.

Docquetted:—"Acco^t of Richard Crawley, Esqre, receiver of salvage money and other droits and perquisites of the Admiralty, from Lady-day, 1703, to Lady-day, 1704. Certified 16 Nov. 1704." 5 *pages.*

? About Nov. 18. 40. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer as to proposals of Mr Holt, merchant, for the better vending and disposal of Her Majesty's tin. Undated, but referred to them 18 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Dec. 1704. Dismist."

The petition and three proposals. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 18. 41. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer in respect to Sir Gilbert Dolben, one of the justices of the Court of

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Common Pleas, as to his circuit allowance. Dated Dublin Castle, 18 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*

Nov. 20. 42. Report from the Controller's Office to the Ld High Treasurer on a memorial of the clothiers of the English forces in Portugal. Dated Controller's Office, Spring Garden, Nov. 20, 1704.

Minuted:—"There needs no directions on this. Mr Fox says ye offrecknings are pd as proposed by ye report." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 20.] 43. Petition of Edward Harrys, Esq., late Lieut.-Governor of the island of Jersey, to the Queen, asking for an allowance of 3*s.* a day which Captain Porter, deceased, had.

Minuted:—"Read 20th Nov. 1704. My Lord cannot advise the granting of this pension." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 20. 44. Mr Wilcox's answer to a letter from the Verderers of New Forest. Dated 20 Nov. 1704.

They had made various complaints against his deputy, one Fuzer, as to his selling wood in the forest, &c. He strongly supports his deputy, and charges the verderers with grubbing up the covert to make meadow ground, &c. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 20. 45. Certificate signed by the clerk of the Company of Stationers, London, of the entry in the Register Book of that company of *Rymer's Fœdera,* by and for Awnsham Churchill, citizen and stationer of London, in trust for her Majesty, &c. Dated 20 Nov. 1704. 1 *page.*

Nov. 21. 46. Report of the Officers of the Works as to the cost of the erection of a gallery at the lower end of the House of Lords. Dated 21 Nov. 1704. 1 *page.*

Nov. 23. 47. Letter from Mr Geo. Clarke to Mr Lowndes, applying for a warrant from the Lord High Treasurer for payment of Mr Rosse for making seals for the Court of Admiralty. Dated Admiralty Office, 23 Nov. 1704. 1 *page.*

Nov. 24. 48. Representation of the Controllers of the accounts of the army, in relation to clothing for the army, the muster rolls, vouchers of agents for forces in England, &c. Dated Controller's Office, 24 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"To be read againe when ye D. of Marlbo comes. His Grace has a duplicate of this." 2¼ *pages.*

Nov. 25. 49. Letter of [Secretary] Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, in favour of allowing 20*l.* to John Delavall, who apprehended James Rawlins, the printer of the libel called *Legion's Address.* Dated Cockpit, 25 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 27. 50. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Baptist Verdun, as to an importation of silks for which he was fined.

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Minuted:—"23th Dec. 1704. My Lord doth not see any grounds from this report for favour to the petr."

The petition and a certificate. 4 *pages*.

Nov. 28. 51. Letter of the Comrs of the Board of Trade to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending that 200*l.*, in addition to 100*l.* already advanced by the Governor of Virginia, should be paid to Col. Edmund Jennings, her Majesty's Secretary of Virginia, who had been sent hither by the Governor, with the whole body of their laws (revised according to instructions given to the governors of plantations), to be here inspected and then returned to Virginia, that they might be passed by the General Assembly, and remain the settled laws of the colony. Dated 28 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"A warrt for 200*l.* out of ye revenue of Virga."

The letter of Mr Jennings on the same subject. 3½ *pages*.

Nov. 28. 52. Translation of the Treaty with the King of Prussia, Nov. 28th 1704. 6¼ *pages*.

Nov. 29. 53. Report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Ld Lieut. of Ireland, on the petition of Mr Daniel Robertson, praying the restoration of certain Scotch cloth and cravats. Dated 29 Nov. 1704. 1 *page*.

Nov. 30. 54. Letter of Mr Edward Wilcox, asking for instructions in respect to a dispute between her Majesty and the Duke of Bolton, who continued to claim the windfalls in Burleigh Bailiwick in the New Forest, notwithstanding the Attorney General's opinion to the contrary. Whilst the matter was in dispute his grace's agents would have them all away. Dated 30 Nov. 1704. 1 *page, quarto*.

Minuted:—"Mr Wilcox to attend ye D. of B., whether he'll consent to have this matter determined by a feign'd issue in ye Court of Exchr, & if so that ye same be tryd next term."

Nov. 30. 55. Estimate for stakes, &c., for supporting trees and plants in the great plantation being made at Kennington. Dated 30 Nov. 1704.

With an approval thereof by the officers of works.

Minuted:—"1 Dec. 1704. Orderd." 1 *page*.

Nov. 30. 56. Order of Council, referring to the Ld High Treasurer the petition of the yeomen warders of the Tower of London for an increase of pay. Dated 30 Nov. 1704.

Minuted:—"21 May 1705. My Ld cannot advise ye increase of ye Q.'s charge by addll salarys."

The petition and a certificate relating thereto. 3 *pages*.

Nov. [.] 57. "An accot of quotas of ships furnished by the States Genll last summer." Nov. 1704. 1 *page*.

Dec. 2. 58. Report signed by Robert Rochfort and Richard Levinge to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, on the petition of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Abercorne, who had an interest in the lighthouses in Ireland, and in the tonnage for the support of them derived through his wife from Sir Robert Reading, who had a patent in his favour of 13 Nov. 17 Car. II. They go into great detail as

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to the affairs of the petitioner in connection with these lighthouses. The chief point was that if six lighthouses had to be built and maintained, the means set aside were insufficient to leave a profit to the petitioner. They say:—"Upon this whole case its manifest that ye original designe of the lres patents was the doing of a publick work, with advantage & profitt to Sir Robert Reading, and that one branch of the profitt being taken away, the 500li p ann. was substituted in its place, for the same end which was intended to be provided for," &c.

If the Queen applied the duty or tonnage on foreign ships, and the 500*l.* per ann. to the maintenance of the lights, according to the resolutions in parliament, the petitioner would lose 1,000*l.*, which by his settlement was secured to him out of the 500*l.* per ann. and the interest, and would be deficient about 2,000*l.* Dated 2 Dec. 1704.

Minuted:—"Read 14 May 1705. My Lord has made a report lately in this matter."

[For a great deal of the information contained in these papers see this Calendar under 1 Aug. 1704, Vol. XCI. No. 71.]

Three affidavits and a copy of some other documents. 20½ *pages, in a very decaying state.*

[About Dec. 5.] 59. The answer of Mr Courtney, Keeper of the Transfer Office, to Mr Strickland's report addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the profits to be made out of letting the shop and rooms of the house wherein the office was held, for possession of which Mr Courtney was pressing.

Minuted:—"5th Decr 1704. Mr Powys to examine into these allegations and report." 1 *page.*

Dec. 7. 60. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of John Dufty for her Majesty's share of a fine due from him for transporting wool. Dated 7 Dec. 1704.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 61. *Docquetted*:—"7 Decr 1704. A state of ye arrears to the ordnance for land & sea service for the years 1702, 1703, & 1704." 1 *page.*

Dec. 7. 62. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, touching certain rice shipped at Carolina, and sent directly for Holland; advising that a clause be inserted in a bill to restrain the shipment of that and other commodities directly to England. It states that "rice is a commoditie which hath not been produced to any considerable quantitie in those parts on the continent of America till of late years." Dated 7 Dec. 1704.

Two letters of Michael Cole on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 9. 63. Report of Sidney Godolphin, Esq., Auditor of her Majesty's Revenue of Wales, on the petition of Sir Richard Middleton for the grant of the office of steward and keeper of the courts leet and views of frankpledge, in the lordship of Denbigh in Northwales. It had been frequently granted during life. He cites a similar case with regard to the stewardship of Bromfield and Yale.

Also the petition, which was referred 9 Dec. 1704. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 9. 64. Report of Mr Auditor Harley on the petition of Mr Peter Davall, agent to the regiment of foot lately commanded by Major Genl la Melioniere, as to arrears due to the officers. Dated 9 Dec. 1704.

The petition and a copy of a letter. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 11. 65. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial relating to the widow and children of William Churdon, deceased, late an officer in the port of Carlisle, who was "barbarously murther'd" in the execution of his office by James Carlisle, a Scotchman, who was bringing several contraband goods into England across "Salway frith." Recommending a year's salary (25*l.*) to be given to the widow. Dated 11 Dec. 1704.

Four other papers on the same subject.

Minuted:—"A wt for ye 25li as an incidt of managemt, & a copy of this rept and the affidt &c. to be sent to my Lord in order to be delivered to yo secry of state for Scotland." 5 *pages and* 4 *parts of pages.*

Dec. 12. 66. Letter signed "Ri. Levett" addressed to "Mr Tillson, at his seat in the Treasury Office," asking him if he could ascertain whether Mr Robert Gilliver had paid 18*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* into the Exchequer, which sum he had extorted from the writer under pretence of a quit rent due to the Queen, and if he (Mr Levett) could sue Mr Gilliver without any offence to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 12 Dec. 1704. 1 *page.*

Dec. 13. 67. Mr Fox's report on the memorial of my Lord Conningsby for levy money for 1,643 recruits for regiments in Portugal. Dated 13 Dec. 1704.

Warrant and another paper relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 13. 68. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Anthony Roberts, master of the ship Endeavour of Truro. Petitioner's ship had been cast away near Margate, but he saved all her Majesty's tin which was on board, and at his own charge took it to the Tower. They thought him a fit object for compassion. Dated 13 Dec. 1704.

Also the petition.

The petition and three other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 21 May 1705. My Lord can give no direction in this." 7 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 69. Mr Wilcox's memorial to the Lord High Treasurer about delivering casual timber in New Forest to a purveyor of the navy. Dated 14th X̃ber 1704.

Minuted:—"Prepare a wt accordingly." 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 70. Commrs of Customs' report [to the Lord High Treasurer] concerning the seizing ships in Ireland by Mr Huet for trading with France. Dated 14 Dec. 1704.

Also two other papers.

Minuted:—"15 Decr 1704. Send a copy of this to the Comrs of ye revenue in Ireld." 4 *pages.*

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Dec. 15. 71. Report of the Com^rs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the widow Dowse for arrears of her husband's salary. Her husband was housekeeper to the late office for sick and wounded seamen. Dated 15 Dec. 1704.

There is also a previous report of 15 Nov. 1704, together with a petition and two other papers. *5 pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 16. 72. Report of Robert Rochford and Richard Levinge to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland on the petition of William Trench, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer; recommending the petitioner for the prosecution of criminals and criminal causes for her Majesty at 150*l.* per ann., he having executed that employment from 2 Dec. 1702. Dated 16 Dec. 1704.

The petition. *3½ pages.*

Dec. 18. 73. Application from Samuel Edwards to the Lord High Treasurer for 2,000*l.* to satisfy bills of exchange from Holland due from the cofferer for wine for the [Royal] family. Dated 18 Dec. 1704.

Minuted:—"19th Dec. 1704. Orderd accordingly." *½ page.*

Dec. 20. 74. Letter of C. Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an extract of a letter from Mr Southwell concerning money for the horses the Lord Lieut. of Ireland was buying there, to be sent into Portugal. Dated Whitehall, 20 Dec. 1704.

The extract referred to. *2 pages, quarto.*

Dec. 22. 75. Report of Sir Edw. Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Francis Wyvell, commander of Her Majesty's ship Barfleur at Vigo, who was, at the hazard of his life, the actual captor of the Dartmouth man-of-war and the Tauro galleon, (being as he conceived a third part of the wealth taken there,) and had no other reward but an equal share of the moiety allowed to the captors by her Majesty's declaration of 1 June 1702; recommending him for special consideration. Dated 22 Dec. 1704.

The petition, certificate of Sir Cloudesley Shovell, and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen, 19 June 1705. The Queen cannot do any thing for him beyond ye rule in her Declaration, but thinks he should be employ'd at sea." *6 pages, all more or less decayed.*

Dec. 22. 76. Presentment by the Principal Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the ships taken by Captain John Foljambe, late Commander of her Majesty's ship the Kinsale. The ships were the Neptune of Nantz, sold for 3,616*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.*, and the Petit Marquess, sold for 1,025*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* They ask that Charles Thomas, Esq., her Majesty's Casual Rec^r and Prize Officer, might transmit the amounts. Dated 22 Dec. 1704.

Minuted:—"Direct Mr Blathwait to prepare order to Mr Thomas accordingly." *1 page.*

Dec. 23. 77. Abstract of respits on the late Lord Lucas's, now Coll^o Hans Hamilton's regim^t, from the 25th of Decem^r 1702 to the 23th of Decem^r 1704 *2 pages.*

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Dec. 23. 78. Balance sheet of moneys paid for the troops of the Elector Palatine, to 23 Dec. 1704. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 79. Abstract of the numbers and charge of the forces for Portugal for one year, to the 24 Decr 1704. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 80. "Value of Exports from Engl. to Pensilvania for 6 years, from 25th December 1698 to the 25th December 1704." 1 *page.*

Dec. 81. A list of names and sums against them. [The object not apparent.]

At the foot is: "This placed to accot Dec. 1704 & recd of my Bror."

Docquetted:—"Bankers for Xbr 1704. 2,194 „ „" 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 82. Mr Petyt's report of what is done relating to the sorting and digesting the records in Cæsar's Chapel. Dated 25 Dec. 1704.

Mr Geo. Holmes and three other clerks since the warrant of 25th of Sept. had filled about twenty great baskets with records brought out of Cæsar's Chapel, which had been digested into the reigns of the respective kings; in order to be preserved in the method prescribed by their Lordships' warrant.

Minuted:—"11 Jany 1704. A warrt for ye salary & ye bill to be examined."

Also draft of a warrant. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 83. "Arrears of the Royall hospitall to 25th Dec. 1704."

Docquetted:—"Arrear due to ye Rl Hospital at Xmas, 1703."

Inclosed is another paper which does not seem to belong to it, but relates to poundage for West India regiments. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 27. 84. Report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Ld High Treasurer.

Docquetted:—"Comrs of the Revenue acknowledg the rect of 2 letters about Huett's discovery, & have given orders to all their officers to make dilligent enquiry after all shipps trading with France, & will use their utmost endeavours to prevent the like practices. They send your Lopp a copy of a letter from the collector of Belfast, whereby it appeares they begin to transport wool from Scotland under pretence of goeing to the Baltick. The collector desires to know if a Scotch shipp coming in for beefe & other goods & produceing fair cocquets, may be admitted to invoyce the wooll, so as not to be landed.". Dated 27 Dec. 1704.

Copies of three letters relating thereto. 4 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

1704. 85. A general abstract of the accounts of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland, as the same were stated in the Accountant General's office, from the original vouchers of charge and discharge for the several years underwritten ending at Christmas 1695, and for every year till 1704. 1 *broad sheet.*

[?1704.] 86. "Payments made to several Governors of the Plantations for the charge of transporting themselves and familys to their respective governmts."

The names of the governors are given. The last is on 10 May 1704. 1 *page.*

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1704. [?1704 or 1705.] 87. Three applications for a tidesman's place in the Customs. The petitioners were William Allford, Richard Fletcher, and James Grant. 3 *pages.*

1704. 88. "New Yeares guifts p anno 1704."
The gifts were made to a few official persons. 1 *page.*

[?1704.] 89. "Difference in the establish'd pay of 13 companys of her Majts first regiment of foot guards, in service in Holland, and an ordinary regimt in England." 1 *page.*

[In or after 1704.] 90. An unfinished letter, docquetted:—"Method of paying troops in Spaine & Portugal." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

[Perhaps 1704 or 1705.] 91. Petition of Captain De Laigle to the Lord High Treasurer, for a gratuity to set him above the fear of starving during the four years he was obliged to make over the pension her Majesty continued to him. 1 *page.*

[?1704 or 1705.] 92. Petition of Anthony Isaacson to the Lord High Treasurer, for a Collectorship of Customs in the port of Liverpool.
Minuted:—"15 Jan. 170.* To apply to Comrs Customs. 1 *page.*

[?1704.] 93. Memorial of Col. James Rivers to the Lord High Treasurer, for removal of hardships on his regiment, without which it was impossible to make it fit for her Majesty's present service, &c.
Minuted:—"My Lord agrees to the last report," which was to deduct "all the vacant pay, amounting to 2,627*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*," &c. 1½ *pages.*

1704. 94. "Arreare to the ordnance for the year 1704." 1 *page.*

[About 1704.] 95. Presentment of the Comrs for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, Hugh Jones, agent for prizes, having been dismissed, recommending a distinct agent to be appointed for Fowey, and two persons to be jointly nominated for Falmouth and Mountsbay, naming Mr Nicholas Davy and Mr John Russell as proper persons for agents at Falmouth and Mountsbay, and Mr John Pomeroy for Fowey. Undated, but the names of the Comrs are nearly identical with the list in *Chamberlayne's State of England* for 1704, p. 635. See also letter of 9 March 1703–4 of these papers. 1½ *pages.*

1704. 96. Certificate of Tide Surveyors of London in favour of Thomas Potter. ½ *page.*

[?1704.] 97. Petition of Sir William Fowler, of Harnage Grange, in the county of Salop, Bart., praying to be discharged from 1,095*l.* due to her Majesty in consideration of his baronetcy. Undated, but he was created 1 Nov. 1704. See *Courthope's Extinct Baronetage,* p. 81. ½ *page.*

1704. 98. Memorial of the Duke of Schomberg to the Lord High Treasurer for his arrears due to him in the last war, during which time he was commander-in-chief of the forces in England. He was

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obliged to be the more pressing by reason of the great expense he had been at for her Majesty's service in the expedition of Portugal. Undated, but he resigned his command in Portugal on 30 July 1704. See *Thomas's Historical Notes*, Vol. II. p. 998.

Minuted:—"There is no fond provided by Parlt for this. See the former answers." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About 1704.] 99. Memoranda as to the failure of the levy of the rents, &c., from the lands of Morgan Whitley in Denbighshire, by Edward Jones, under-sheriff of Denbighshire. The lands had been seized under an extent. 1 *page.*

[About 1703 or 1704.] 100. Proposal that the Attorney General might consent to a supersedeas of the writ, by which Mr Anthony Redhead, the deputy master and worker to Thomas Neale, Esq., in the late mint at Norwich, was then in prison for arrears due. Undated. He had been in prison four years and upwards from Sept. 1699. 1¼ *pages.*

[Perhaps about 1704.] 101. Abstract of Mr Carbonnill's accts of discounting 102,000*l.* *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

[? 1704.] 102. The number of horses of the English horse and dragoons killed in Germany in the campaign, 1704. 1 *page.*

[1704 or 1705 ?] 103. A paper docquetted :—"Papers abstracted," being an epitome of a great number of petitions and other papers considered by the Lord High Treasurer, with the minutes thereon in the margin. ? 1704 or 1705. 3 *pages.*

[? 1704.] 104. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Teale for payment for medicines supplied for the forces going to Portugal.

Minuted:—"To be pd out of contingencys." 1 *page.*

[? 1704.] 105. Some rough calculations docquetted :—"Mr Alingham's computations." Apparently connected with the revenue. 10 *pages, or parts of pages.*

1704. 106. Persons paid by Edward Nicholas, Esq., for Michmas quarter, 1704. 1 *page.*

[? 1704.] 107. Memorandum of papers at the Treasury to be laid before my Lord High Treasurer from Mr Blathwayt. 1 *page.*

1704. 108. Treasurer of the Chambers' memorial for a quarter's wages due at Michaelmas last, 1704. Signed "Mos. Giraudeau." It includes persons under him. 1 *page.*

[Probably 1704.] 109. Representation by the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasreur, as to the produce of the tin consigned to Mr John Drummond and Company at Amsterdam. Since the tin had been sent to Holland on her Majesty's account, no merchants had ventured to trade in it to those parts, and the Turkey merchants had ex-

1704. ported very little tin these two years; suggesting other methods of export thereof.

On 16 Oct. 1704 (see *Minute Book*, Vol. XIII. p. 4), Mr Drummond was engaged in similar transactions. 2 *pages.*

? 1704. 110. Report of Mr Henry Wise to the Lord High Treasurer upon the condition of the Great Park at Hampton Court, and of what was needfull to be done for the improvement thereof, & of the trees and plantations, and an estimate of the charges. 70 large elms were required to new plant an old walk that was damaged by the great storm, and 100 similar trees in another place. Undated. The storm referred to is probably that of Nov. 27, 1703. 2 *pages.*

? 1704. 111. Petition of Charles Twitty, clerk to the Rt Hon. Charles Lord Halifax (Auditor of Her Majesty's Receipt of Exchequer) and Samuel Edwards, clerk to the Hon. Francis Godolphin, Esq., one of the four tellers, showing that they and all the officers and clerks of the Exchequer had been always excused from serving on the trained bands; but notwithstanding, they were protected by a Treasury letter, they were fined for not attending those bands; prays that the fines might be taken off.

The copy of the letter, dated 4 Aug. 1690.

[Lord Halifax was the auditor of the receipt, and Charles Twitty, Esq., was his deputy in 1704. See *Chamberlayne's State of England* for that year.] 2 *pages.*

1704. 112. "An accompt of the sums allow'd on the establishmt of the men $\frac{40}{m}$ for recruits, forrage and waggon mony, &c., for the years 1703 & 1704, and what has been issued and paid on that accot, showing what remains to compleat the sums allow'd for each year." 1½ *pages.*

? 1704 or later. 113. Three papers relating to the affairs of Mr. Isaac Bobin, a French refugee, containing his "case," a "representation," and the "short and sure way to reduce France." The services appear to have been all rendered by him during the reign of William III., and the papers relate to the designs of France, the horrid conspiracy, &c. The representation is printed with MS. notes.

[After 1703, because the Lord Murray is mentioned as now Duke of Athol, who was made so in 1703.] 4 *pages, the printed matter being broad sheets.*

1704. 114. A number of proposals made to the Ld High Treasurer, to remit money to various places during the year 1704, together with the rates at which the proposers would contract for the transmission of the same. The first is dated 28 Feb. and the last 21 Nov. 1704. 42 *pages or parts of pages.*

[? End of 1704 or beginning of 1705.] 115. Memorial of the Master of the Rolls to have the gateway over against his house at Knightsbridge just against Hyde Park left unwalled up, as the Queen was then enclosing the park with a brick wall. He desired he might have that passage continued to him

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1704. during her Majesty's pleasure for his own particular use for taking the air in the park.

[The order for walling the park, 7 Dec. 1704. See *Minute Book*, Vol. XIII., p. 29.]

Minuted:—"Speake wth Mr Wilcox when he comes to town." *Again*:—"Mr Wilcocks will leave a gap in the wall." ½ *page.*

1704. 116. 15 letters and estimates of the Comrs of the Navy addressed to Mr Lowndes or Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., Treasurer of the Navy, on the business of the office. Dated in 1704.

[Also three enclosures.]

[These will probably be found entered in the *Navy Letter Book*.]

[? After 1704.] 117. An account of the proofs of the allegations set forth in Mr Squire's case, who was a land waiter in the Customs. 1 *page.*

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1704–5. 1. An estimate of the charge in the office of ordnance for sea service for the year 1705. 1 *page.*

1704–5. 2. New Year's gifts pro ao 1705. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 2. 3. Report of the Comrs of Prizes on the petition of Mr John Parker, one of the agents for prizes at Falmouth. The prize business was so negligently performed there by Mr Jones that the petitioner was appointed together with Mr Nicholas Davy in his room. Several things had there been brought to light by them, for which they deserved favour in a more profitable employment. Dated 2 Jan. 1704.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"He may continue at Falmouth at a *quantum meruit.* 2 *pages.*

Jan. 2. 4. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded, and exchange of prisoners at war, to the Ld High Treasurer, pressing for the payment of the claims of their office, their several agents being threatened with imprisonment. Dated 2 Jan. 1704–5.

Minuted:—"Respited." *Again*:—"22,000li to ye Trer of ye Navy for sick & wounded to clear their debt to Xmas 1703." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 3. 5. Copy of warrant of Prince George of Denmark, for payment of Mr Jacob Meulk, who was appointed by Edwd Knatchbull, Esq., Muster Master Genl, to muster the detachment of Marine regiments left in garrison at Gibraltar. Dated 3 Jan. 1704–5. 2 *pages.*

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Jan. 3. 6. Report of the Com^rs for managing the duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of James Elliot, stamper in the Stamp Office, who having involved himself in debt was obliged to abscond. He asked that a friend of his wife might be appointed, who if appointed would take care of her and his children. They certify as to the circumstances, but make no recommendation. Referred to them 3 Jan. 1704–5.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 4. 7. Report of Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on a claim for watering the ring and the way leading to it in Hyde Park, confirming the claim, but for the future it might be performed cheaper by making an agreement. Dated 4 Jan. 1704.

Minuted:—"19 May 1705. The 230 8 0 to be p^d, but lett him receive proposals how this & ye watering ye road can be best done for ye future."

The petition and bill. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 8. Letter of Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes, conveying the Duke of Marlborough's opinion upon several reports of matters touching various allowances to regiments, &c. In the margin are the Lord High Treasurer's minutes thereon. Dated Whitehall, 5 Jan. 1704–5. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 10. 9. Cofferer's memorial for 10,000^li 10th Jañry 1704.

Minuted:—"10,000^li. Ord^rd 11th d^o." ½ *page.*

Jan. 10. 10. Copy of the report of the Com^rs of Trade to the Queen, on the case of Robert Livingston of New York, who was secretary for the Indian affairs, but suspended by Col. Fletcher. He had been very serviceable in managing the treaties with the Indians, notwithstanding the suspension, and they thought he should have his salary. Dated 10 Jan. 1704–5. 1½ *pages.*

[About Jan. 11.] 11. Petition of William Kendrick to the Ld High Treasurer, praying repayment of 20*l.* for an estreated recognizance.

Minuted:—"11th Jan^ry 1704. This 20^li to be p^d to Kendrick out of secret service; p^d 20th Jan^ry 1704." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 11.] 12. Petition of her "late Majesty's livery servants who are unprovided for," to the Ld High Treasurer, viz., for arrears. They state that some of them had been exposed to such necessities, that they had starved for want of the common comforts of life, and had been buried by the charity of friends.

The first minute on it is 11 Jan. 1704. The second is:—"29 March 1705. To be paid when there is mony for arreares."

Accompanying is "An account of the yearly allowances to the late Queen's livery servants by his late Majesty's establishm^t." 2 *pages.*

[About Jan. 11.] 13. "Petition and certificate of the officers and clarkes in the Tally-court, of annuities and loanes wch they struck from Pasche 1704 to Michas 1704 for wch they tooke no fees."

Minuted:—"11 Jan^ry 1704. Orderd." 2 *pages.*

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1704-5. [About Jan. 11.] 14. Petition of Thomas Nickolls, John Watson, and Henry Barton to the Lord High Treasurer, claiming a share of the reward for the apprehension of Sir John Mackleene and others, who came from France on 8 Nov. 1703 without licence, for which Capt. Jordan, "late Major of Folkstone," obtained an order for 30*l.*

Referred to Mr Borrett 11 Jan. 1704. 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 11.] 15. Petition of Captain John Baker to the Lord High Treasurer. He had served King Charles I. through the Rebellion, for which he was often imprisoned and plundered, and three times banished. He twice relieved Pendennis Castle when it was closely besieged by sea and land, and was in the Kentish rising for King Charles II. in 1648, and endeavouring to get into Colchester was repulsed, and so put himself into Pontefract Castle. He was with King Charles II. in Scotland, and being taken prisoner at Worcester fight was banished. He was in Sir George Booth's rising with Col. Colepepper in the year 1659. He took Sir Henry Mildmay, one of the bloody regicides, and after the Restoration rode in the horse guards about 18 years, until he was old and incapable of further service, and then had a small pension. As he was not likely to live long he implored that it might be transferred to his wife Elizabeth Baker.

Minuted:—"11 Jany 1704. My Ld can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 11.] 16. Petition of the Inferior Prize Officers in the port of London to the Lord High Treasurer, for their taxes to be remitted.

Minuted:—"11 Jany 1704. Respited." *Again:*—"28 March 1705. Everybody must submit to pay their taxes." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 11. 17. Letter from J. Burchett to Mr Lowndes introducing Lt Wm Sybbald in Brigadier Gustavus Hamilton's regiment, who had "somewhat to discover as to the abuse done the public in hiring transport ships." Dated Admiralty Office, 11 Jan. 1704-5.

Accompanied by "the information of Lieut. William Sibbald," who showed how the government was cheated in the valuation of the transport ships which were lost. 2¼ *pages.*

Jan. 17. 18. Letter from Frances Killigrew to William Lowndes, Esq. She had the "dire and irretrievable misfortune of losing her husband. Reminds him of his promise to move the Ld Treasurer to do something for her son. They had lost their chief subsistence by the going away of 300*l.* a year held by patents for life by her husband, payable out of the duchy of Cornwall; prays his aid for some part of the lost annuity. Dated Ludlow, 17 Jan. 1704.

Minuted:—"My lord doth not thinke it reasonable to continue this pencon, but if he will apply for any suitable imployment when a vacancy happens his lop will be ready to satisfy him therewth." 1 *page.*

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Jan. 20. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the seizure of a ship trading with France, and the committal of the crew to gaol. Dated 20 Jan. 1704. 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 20. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Cleuland, commander of H.M. ship Mountague, as to the restitution of the value of a bale of silk confiscated, the customs on which had been paid at Plymouth; advising relief. Dated 20 Jan. 1704. With a minute agreeing thereto.

The petition and a permit. 3½ *pages and a few lines.*

Jan. 20. 21. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a demand by the Com^rs for Prizes for guns delivered into the Office of Ordnance. Dated 20 Jan. 1704–5.

Schedule relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 22. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the furnishing ordnance for the province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, fortifications having been built in the harbour of Boston. There was no revenue in that province at Her Majesty's disposal. The revenue of 40,949*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* raised last year was wholly appropriated for particular uses and carrying on the war against the French and Indians, who had invaded that country and burnt several towns. Dated Whitehall, 22 Jan^ry 1704.

The order in council and an estimate of the value of the ordnance.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Jan^ry 1704. To be p̃d for out of ye prize money in ye plantac̃ons, if it appears (w^n ye Com^rs of Prizes make a return to ye direcc̃n they have to lay an acc^t of w^t prize m^o is in ye plantac̃on) that there is suff^t for ye doing thereof." 4½ *pages.*

Jan. 22. 23. Report of Mr William Vanbrugh to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Mrs Eliz^th Atkinson, "Mrs Laundress to her Majesty's person," as to her travelling charges. Dated 22 Jan. 1704–5.

Her petition and a certificate.

There are three minutes on the back, the last of which is, "31 July 1706. Agreed." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 24. Report of Mr Wm Vanbrugh to the Lord High Treasurer on the Lord Chamberlain's list of customary and extraordinary allowances. Dated 22 Jan. 1704–5. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 25. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of the town of Kingston-upon-Thames, which paid after the rate 4*s.* 4*d.* to the tax of 4*s.* in the pound, by reason that some of the land in the parish had been enclosed in New Park. Unless the Com^rs could find that some paid less than 4*s.* in the pound and rated them with the excess, the agents could see no remedy except by a clause in an Act of Parliament. Dated 23 Jan. 1704.

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Accompanied by "the case," and copies of two legal opinions.

Minuted:—"29 March 1705. My Lord concurrs in opinion wth the agents." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 26. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the Lady Bunbury on behalf of her husband, Tho. Whitley, Esq., one of the securities of the Rec^r^ Genl for Cheshire and North Wales, for stay of proceedings. They saw no cause to stay proceedings. Dated 23 Jan. 1704.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to Mr Lowndes as to certain wine in the prize warehouses at Buttolph wharf, which was not worth the duty; praying directions. Dated 23 Jan. 1704–5. 1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 28. Report of H. St John and two others to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Col. Whetham relating to the musters and clearing his regiment, together with the report of the Duke of Ormond thereon. Dated 24 Jan. 1704–5.

Col. Whetham's "Report."

Minuted:—"12th Feb. 1704–5. Agreed, but the money for the supernumerary men to be p̃d out of the revenue of Ireld. W^t^ signd." 5 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 29. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on a letter signed John Strangways reflecting on Mr Culliford, one of their number, charging him with doing what he could to ruin their name or kindred for opposition at an election, &c. Their opinion was that the letter was false, scandalous, and malicious. Dated 24 Jan. 1704–5.

The letter and three others on the same subject. 5½ *pages.*

Jan. 24. 30. Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Henry Winstanley, to the Queen. Her late husband, for the great preservation of shipping, expended in building the late lighthouse upon the rock called the Edystone, near Plymouth, about 5,000*l.*, which was to have been repaid him with 50*l.* a year for 50 years as a reward for his extraordinary service and invention thereof, out of all such shipping as received the benefit. About 2,000*l.* only was reimbursed him before the late dreadful storm of wind blew the same down, when her husband lost his life; asking for the royal bounty.

Referred by her Majesty to the Lord High Treasurer 24 Jan. 1704–5.

Minuted:—"28 March 1705. Send this to ye Trinity House to state ye case, wth their opinion."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 13, p. 243, 10 June 1706, is an abstract of what appears to be another petition from her. In addition to the above facts it states "the pet^r^ was recommended by the corporation of the Trinity House as a fit object of her Majesty's charity, and his Royal Highness, to whom her Majesty referred it, was of opinion that the lighthouse was of very great advantage to navigation, and

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that as her husband did very well deserve encouragement, so his widow, being left in very mean circumstances, was a fit object for her Majesty's charity."

The minute made on this was :—"Speak with some of the gentlemen of Trinity House."

She received 200*l.* of the royal bounty by warrant 27 Sept. 1707 (see *King's Warrant Book*, Vol. XVI., p. 256), and a pension of 100*l.* per ann. from Lady-day 1708 by another warrant of 25 June 1708 (see *ib.*, p. 370). 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 26.] 31. Presentment of the Com^rs of Prizes as to mismanagement at Portsmouth.

"Read 26th Jan^ry 1704." 1 *page.*

Jan. 29. 32. Abstract of treaties and conventions relating to the forces. "Entered Jany 29th 1704–5. p Wm Martyn."

With a table of contents. 17 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 33. Presentment of Mr Clayton to the Lord High Treasurer as to certain interest due under the Annuity Act, 1703, viz., whether it should be paid into the Exchequer upon his account. Dated 29 Jan. 1704.

Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 34. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the L^d [High Treasurer] on the petition of Thomas Briggs, who with another was bound as surety in 1,300*l.* for a collector at Lynn, who died insolvent. The petitioner's property was mortgaged, and it might be reasonable to accept the 200*l.* offered rather than contest the matter at law, &c. Dated 29 Jan. 1704–5.

The petition and two other documents. 7¼ *pages.*

Jan. 31. 35. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer] enclosing states of her Majesty's revenues arising in America, &c., viz., in Massachusetts Bay, New York, Jamaica, Charibbee Islands, and the Jerseys, with his observations thereon. In the margin are the minutes. Dated 31 Jan. 1704. 13½ *pages.*

[End of Jan.] 36. "Papers abstracted." A paper so docquetted. They are the abstracts of various Treasury papers, with minutes in the margin. The papers are some of them in this Calendar, and many more will be found in the *Reference Book*, Vol. VII. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 37. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on his negotiations with the several persons who had an interest in Woodstock Park, in compliance with the address of the House of Commons. King Charles II. granted the office of lieut. of Woodstock Park, &c. to Sir Walter St John and others in trust for the Earl and Countess of Lichfield for life. The benefit of the trust was then for Lord Baltimore and his "son" Mr Calvert, who married the Lady Charlotte, daughter of the said Earl, and Charles Bertie, Esqre, the Lord Great Chamberlain's brother, acted in the lieutenancy as his deputy. Lord Baltimore, Mr Calvert, and Mr Bertie had

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valued the property at 15,000*l.* By others it was valued at 10,000*l.* All the parties concerned were content to surrender the letters patent or assign their interest for 7,000*l.* A lower value, viz., 6,000*l.*, had been put on it, but it was when the Earl had differences and disputes with the Chief Justice in Eyre, and was under a cloud, being put into a proclamation for supposed disaffection to the government in the last reign. They finally insisted on 6,000 guineas and certain conditions. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough might think fit to employ Brice, one of the keepers, who was an excellent woodman, &c. The Earl of Lichfield had sent an account of 394*l.* due to him for disbursements about the park over and above the rent reserved by his patent, and prayed to be reimbursed, now his family were parting with their interest therein. He had seen none of the keepers except Brice till that morning. Their expectations were so very high that he doubted it would be difficult to reduce them to reason, &c. Dated 2 Feb. 1704.

Also memorial of John Tailer about taking off Woodstock incumbrances and the incident charges thereof.

Minuted:—"S. Man^ll for any sum not exceeding 12,000^li w^thout acco^t to John Tailer for making the w^thin men^cond purchase of Woodstock." 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 2. 38. Warrant signed Godolphin to the Barons of the Exchequer for the discharge of Dr Cony from an assessment on his salary in the year 1697. 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 5.] 39. Petition of John Carter to the Lord High Treasurer. 2,340*l.* were due to him from the government, as the executor and son-in-law of Philip Lanyon, Workmaster General of the Fortifications. He had been minuted for employment; prays for an appointment or a pension.

Minuted:—"50^li out of sec. service. P^d 5th Feb. 1704/5." 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 40. Report of Sir Edw. Northey to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Lady Wood and Mrs Stephens, and on a hearing of Cæsar Bradshaw, Esq., and Mr Wm Murrey; recommending the enlargement of the time for hearing a cause about the hearth farm. Dated 7 Feb. 1704-5.

The petition and two other papers, one of which is a previous report. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 7. 41. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Skinner, who, having imported foreign silks, had compounded with the informer and sought to be excused from her Majesty's part; certifying that he had of late been very serviceable to the government, and that he might deserve very well for the future. Dated 7 Feb. 1704.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 9. 42. Report of Jos. Tredenham and Arthur Moore [Controllers of the Accounts of the Army] to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sir Charles Hara in behalf of the captains in the

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Royal Regiment of Fuzileers, 200 of whom were ordered to Portugal in 1703, and no levy money issued till April 1704. There was no pretence for any allowance. Dated Controller's Office, 9 Feb. 1704.

Minuted:—"His Grace & my L^d^ are of ye same opinion with ye Compt^rs^ in this case." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 9.] 43. Petition of the clothiers of her Majesty's Forces in Holland to the Duke of Marlborough, Captn Genl of H.M. Forces, for paym^t^ of their arrears and for the better payment of the off-reckonings.

Minuted:—"Read 9 Feb. 1704–5. Agreed." 1 *page.*

Feb. 10. 44. "Extract of a letter from Mr Hill to Mr Pauncfort the 21st of Febry. S. N. 1704," as to bills advised and advances according to treaty. 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 12. 45. Warrant of the Ld High Treasurer on the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, ordering that the customs and other duties for the cocoa nuts therein mentioned should stand charged in the Queen's books, and a nolle prosequi should be entered. Dated 12 Feb. 1704. This is written on the report.

A petition and certificate connected therewith. 4 *pages.*

[About Feb. 12.] 46. Petition of Thomas Bathurst, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the surrender to the petitioner of a tally in payment for certain timber delivered at Chatham Dock.

Minuted:—"12 Feb. 1704–5. Mr Dodington to certify what objection he has to what is desired by the pet^r^. Mr Dodington's report is annexed. July 18th 1705. Show the report to Mr Bathurst." 1 *page.*

Feb. 14. 47. Letter of the Council of the Queen Dowager to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for a warrant to the Woodward General, &c., to mark and set out trees to be cut in the Forest of Whittlewood. Dated from her Majesty the Queen Dowager's Council Chamber in Denmark House, 14 Feb. 1704. 1 *page.*

Feb. 14. 48. Letter from Mr Thomas Everard to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to peruse a paper enclosed, which contained a general abstract of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland, for nine years ending at Christmas 1703, making various observations on the same. Dated Custom House, Dublin, Feb. 14th 1704.

The paper not now with it. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 49. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord [High] Treasurer on certain papers said to be in the name of the merchants of London, complaining of the officers of customs, reflecting on the board, and more particularly on two of them. They knew but of two Frenchmen employed under them, and they were men of probity and good officers, and they did not believe they were unfaithful, nor would they betray the shipping of this kingdom to the enemy. The surveyors protested against any confederacy as

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was suggested. The charge against the two Com^rs of nepotism was groundless and scandalous. Dated 15 Feb. 1704–5.

The papers referred to. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 50. Letter from M^r St John to Mr Lowndes about recruits for Col. Cunningham's regiment. Dated Whitehall, 16 Feb. 1704.

Another paper relating to the same regiment. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 51. Memorial of the Controllers of the accounts of the army asking for a particular account of moneys issued to respective paymasters. They were then examining Mr Foxe's account. Dated 19 Feb. 1704–5. 1 *page.*

Feb. 19. 52. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to William Lowndes, Esq., sending a "state of the prizes" carried into the West Indies. They had begun a prosecution of Admiral Whetstone, Mr Collison, and Mr Hutchinson. Of all the prizes taken in the West Indies except the Ponchartrin, St Matthew, and Jolly, there had been no money accounted for to their office. Dated 19 Feb. 1704.

The paper referred to, another paper, and a list of agents.

Minuted:—"Send this wth the papers relating thereunto to Mr Blathwayte to peruse & advise upon ye severall matters therein containd what he conceives will be best for her Ma^ts service & to make his rep^t as soon as conveniently he can." 17 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 53. Order of the Lords of the Council to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of the under clerks of the council a year's allowance, with signatures. Dated 22 Feb. [1704 in more modern hand on the back.] 1 *page.*

Feb. 22. 54. Report of Mr Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Rolf under-sheriff of Sussex, for recompense for extraordinary services about the summoning juries to try Major Boucher, who pleaded guilty to the charge of high treason. He had received 20*l.* and claimed 82*l.* 16*s.* more. Dated 22 Feb. 1704–5.

The petition and an affidavit. His account is not now with these papers.

Minuted:—"21 May 1705. To be p̃d by the l̃res pat. dorm^t."

Feb. 22. 55. Postmaster General's report about the auditor's allowance for passing the receiver's account. Dated 22 Feb. 1704. 1 *page.*

Feb. 22. 56. Letter of the Com^rs for sick and wounded and exchange of prisoners to Mr Lowndes, enclosing their memorial to the Ld High Treasurer for the issue of a further supply of 2,050*l.*, they being commanded to conduct to Nottingham and Litchfield, Marshal Tallard and thirty other French land officers, with their servants, prisoners of war; and further to fetch home about 600 English land soldiers, prisoners of war at Bourdeaux in France, the charge for which would be 1,500*l.* Dated 22 Feb. 1704–5.

Minuted:—"29 March 1705. My Lord cannot advise the Queen to grant a new precedent of this kind."

The memorial named, and a further memorial from them relating to the taxes on them and their substitutes. 4 *pages.*

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Feb. 23. 57. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Ld High Treasurer, in favour of granting 3,000*l.* to the Earl of Abercorne, who would be deficient to that extent in the provision made by his marriage settlement, and had surrendered his letters patent and cast himself entirely on her Majesty's clemency. Dated 23 Feb. 1704.

For the petition of the Earl, see 1 Aug. 1704. The report of the Attorney and Solicitor General thereon is not now with it.

Minuted:—" Read 24th May 1705. Respited till my Lord speaks with the D. of Ormonde about it at his return into Engld. 27th Augst 1705, 1,000li p ann. for three yeares out of the Irish revenue." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 23.] 58. Report of the Comrs for alienations to the Lord [High Treasurer] relating to a rent charge of 500*l.* per ann. purchased by Sir John Astly, the lands being charged in both the counties of Salop and Stafford. [It appears to have been made on 23 Feb. 1704–5. See *Letter Book*, Vol. XII. p. 43.]

Minuted:—" Order them to take their p̄ fine as for one 500li a year only." 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 59. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Wolstenholme asking that proceedings on his bond for 2,000*l.* given for the execution of his office, as receiver of plantation duties, might be stayed. In favour thereof. Dated 24 Feb. 1704.

The petition and divers extracts from minute books.

Minuted:—" 29 March 1705. Stay the process till the end of next Michas terme." 13½ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 26.] 60. Remonstrance of Major Archibald Patton, late captain in the Earl of Donnegall's regiment, as to his hard usage in connection with subsistence money, &c.

Also a list of officers who died and were killed in Lord Donnegal's regiment, an answer to the remonstrance, and an affidavit.

Minuted:—" Read 26 Feb. 1704."

Referred to Mr Henry Cartwright and Henry Vincent, Esq., to consider and certify. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 61. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Burslem, Esq., receiver general for the co. of Stafford, as to an overpaymt made by him in his account of the land tax. Dated 27 Feb. 1704.

The petition and a certificate. 3 *pages.*

[About Feb. 27.] 62. Petition of Cornelius Parminter of Barnstaple, in the co. of Devon. In the election of members of the present Parliament a breach of law was committed by Mr Richard Ustick, collector of Customs at Biddeford, by writing letters to the petitioner to set up for the borough of Barnstaple Hugh Fortescue, Esq., in opposition to Serjeant Hooper, contrary to an Act passed in the former Parliament. Petitioner laid the letters before the Comrs of Customs. Ustick was suspended, but afterwards employed as surveyor of Plymouth, and exhibited a false accusation against the petitioner

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on which petitioner was dismissed; praying to be heard and restored.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Feb. 1704. He must apply himself to the Com^rs of ye Customes."

Copies of the letters referred to. 2 *pages*.

Feb. 27. 63. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Mark Proudfoot, approving of his appointment as agent for prizes with the fleet designed for the Mediterranean, at the same rate as was allowed to Mr Window. Dated 27 Feb. 1705.

The petition and a subsequent report as to the allowance to Mr Window in the same office. 3 *pages*.

Feb. 28. 64. Letter signed Wm Clayton to Mr Lowndes, as to his claim for his trouble in paying the 5*l*. per cent. per ann. to such persons as advanced money upon annuities. Dated 28 Feb. 1704.

Minuted:—"3 May 1705. To have 100^li for his own paines & ye charge of passing his acco^t." 1 *page*.

Feb. 28. 65. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of the merchants that are freemen of London compared with the unfree, whether English born or foreigners naturalized. They believe that many both English and foreign had presumed to colour the goods of aliens and entered them in their own names, to the great diminution of the revenue. Recommending a clause in an Act to empower the administration of an oath to merchants and importers. Dated 28 Feb. 1704–5.

With this are some other papers (some in duplicate) relating to the same subject, including—"The deplorable case of the merch^t freeman of the citty of London compared with the merch^t unfree, whether English born or foreigner naturalised."

There is also a black letter copy of "the oath of every free-man of the city of London." 11 *pages*.

Feb. 28. 66. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer on an order of Council touching some canon and other stores which were desired by Sir Willm Mathews, Governor of the Leeward Islands, for the defence of those islands, transmitting an estimate of the value of the same, together with the yearly pay of the four master gunners, &c. Dated 28 Feb. 1704–5.

The papers mentioned. 4 *pages*.

Feb. 67. "An acco^t of the proceedings of ye late Comm^rs appointed & continued by several Acts to take, examine, and determine the debts due to ye army and for transport service," &c.

This is a copy, and there is a duplicate. Both are much injured. *Each* 3 *pages*.

March 1. 68. Memorial of Dame Catherine Wyndham, relict of Sir Edward Wyndham, Bart., deceased, as to an arrear of 69*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*. to the crown as farmer of the hundred and bailiwick of Meer, in the county of Wilts. Sir Edward Wyndham bought of the heir of Sir John

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Coventry, deceased, a farm called Chaddenwick, near the town of Meer, and a demand of 8*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* to the crown, as arising out of Sir John Coventry's estate, was inadvertently paid out of the farm. On inspection the farm was not chargeable with any such rent. Praying for the discharge of the arrear. Dated 1 March 1704. 1 *page.*

March 1. 69. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Burslem, receiver general of taxes for the county of Stafford. The report is as to whether the estate of Richard Taylor, extended on account of claims on him by the petitioner, was the same as that extended by Mr Borrett. He had 1,050*l.* in the Sword Blade Company, which stock was in a very sinking state. Dated 1 March 1704–5.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"12th Mar. 1704–5. Mr Attorney to attend on Wednesday next about this matter." 2 *pages.*

March 3. 70. Letter of the same [perhaps to Mr Lowndes] as to the estate and effects of Richard Taylor. Dated 3 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—"16 March 1704. Mr Borret is to compell ye suretys forthwith to pay the sums they are bound for, and to proceed in finding out and recovering the effects of Taylor wth all dilligence."

Also petition of Peter Gery and John Jenkins, securities for Taylor. 2 *pages.*

March 3. 71. Report from the same to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Mr John Birch and others. William Savile was tried, convicted, and fined 80 marks for a scandalous libel against two clergymen, 40 marks for assaulting the petitioner Heather, the constable in the execution of his office, 5*l.* for a riot, and 5*l.* for a trespass. The amounts were in the hands of the under-sheriff. The prosecutions were carried on at the expense of the petitioners. Dated 3 Mar. 1704–5.

The petition, an affidavit, and certificate.

Minuted:—"Direct ye sheriff to pay this into ye excheqr & a S. M. afterwards to give it to the petrs." 3½ *pages.*

March 3. 72. Mr Auditor Harley's report to the Lord High Treasurer on the state of Sir Henry Bellasys's account, who was governor of the town and garrison of Galloway in Ireland, as to a *super* of 1,000*l.* remaining on him. Dated 3 March 1704–5.

The "state" referred to, and four other papers.

Minuted:—"A privy seal to be prepared for passing this acct." 9 *pages.*

March 3. 73. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Mr. John Newman concerning the London distillery, from which he was discharged for his unfaithfulness. Dated 3 March 1704.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

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March 3. 74. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Elizabeth Cocks, relict and executrix of Richard Cocks, Esq., late Rec^r General of Aids, &c. for the county of Gloucester, &c., for allowances. Dated 3 March 1704.

The petition and two other papers. 3 *pages.*

March 6. 75. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer, conveying his opinion that it was not in the Queen's power to discharge any arrears of the first fruits and tenths, except of small livings not exceeding 30*l.* value, for the arrears, as well as the growing payments, were by her Majesty's charter of 3 Nov. last, for the augmentation of the maintenance of the poor clergy. Dated 6 March 1704–5. 1 *page.*

March 6. 76. Report of Mr Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Wm Emerson and John Playle as to watering the roads in Hyde Park. Dated 6 March 1704.

Minuted:—" 19 May 1705. 52 16 0 for last year to be p̃d."

The petition and another paper. 3 *pages.*

March 7. 77. Mr Colby's memorial relating to the transport service, suggesting to the Lord High Treasurer various rules for managem^t of that service. Dated 7 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—" A l̃re to ye Com^rs for Transports to consider what instructions are proper to be given them, relating to the managem^t of ye affairs under their care, that may be most satisfactory to ye dealers wth y^m, & most for Her Ma^ts service, & to present a draft thereof to my Lord wth all ye speed y^t may be." 5 *pages.*

March 7. 78. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Matthew Page of Warrington in the co. of Lancaster, to be allowed to ship and land merchandize at his wharf or salt work near Warrington, in a similar manner as was granted to Mr Patten's wharf. This question had already been reported on adversely by the officers of the port of Liverpool. The Com^rs were of opinion that the grant was unnecessary, and a hardship upon Patten, and would be a needless increase of charge. Dated 7 March 1704–5.

The petition and four other papers. One of these is signed by a large number of merchants, &c. of Liverpool.

Minuted:—" March 7th 1704–5. Read." 9½ *pages.*

March 8. 79. Letter of Mr H. St John to Mr Lowndes, transmitting a book containing the distribution of the bounty money which her Majesty bestowed on the land forces, who behaved themselves so gallantly in the late actions in Germany. Dated Whitehall, 8 March 1704–5.

The book referred to, with a note at the end by Mr St John, that it was prepared by order of the Duke of Marlborough, with the advice of the general officers, in pursuance of a letter from the Most Honble the Lord High Treasurer of England. 32 *pages.*

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March 8. 80. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer a report from the officers of Ordnance, with an estimate of stores demanded by the Lord Cornbury for the supply of New York, and an extract from a report of the Board of Trade to consider and report thereon. Dated 8 March 1704.

Also the documents referred to.

There are two minutes on the back. The second is:—"Read 21 May 1705. Q. if there be enough of ye 30^l p cent. to satisfy this." 6 *pages.*

March 9. 81. *Docquetted:*—"Copy of Lord Galways orders to ye Commissary at Lisbon relating to musters in Feb. & March 1704–5. Left at the Treasury by Mr Crawford, 18th Septr 1710."

The second is dated 9 March 1704–5. 1 *page.*

March 10. 82. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of John Child, Esq., Rec^r Genl of the co. of Wilts, of aids, &c., with particulars of his extraordinary charges craved by him. Dated 10 March 1704–5.

The docum^ts referred to. 4½ *pages.*

March 12. 83. Report of Mr Fox on Col. Etheridge's petition, as to his arrears of pay. Dated 12 March 1704–5.

Written on the back of the memorial.

There is also a memorial to the Queen in the same terms.

Minuted:—"Read 16 May 1705. A like w^t as for Brig^r Shrimpton." 3 *pages.*

March 12. 84. Letter signed Le C. Maffin to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the regulation of remittances of money to Turin, in accordance with the treaty. Dated 23 March 1704, N.S. 2½ *pages.*

[? About March 12.] 85. Petition of William Conolly, of the city of Dublin, Esq., to the Lord High Admiral for payment of 46*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* Petitioner was agent in Ireland for the receipt of pirates' goods and other perquisites of the Ld High Admiral. The debt in question was incurred by the appraisement of a vessel arrested at some place in the county of Cork.

Also an affidavit about the same, dated 12 March 1704.

Minuted:—"To be sent to Mr Dod to give an account how the fact is." 2½ *pages.*

March 12. 86. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Henry Sisterne, who was a prisoner in Dorchester gaol, having been concerned in landing some contraband goods. He was miserably poor, and maimed by wounds received in the war against Holland, and unable to satisfy the judgment against him. Dated 12 March 1704.

The petition and a certificate.

Minuted:—"A warr^t to acknowledge satisfaction." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 15. 87. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sir Jeoffrey Jeffreys, kn^t, and Capt. John Hide

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and others, owners of a vessel laden with provisions for Barbadoes, (which were much wanted there) on which an embargo was laid; not objecting to the removal of the embargo. Dated 15 Mar. 1704–5.

Also an affidavit. 2 *pages.*

March 15. 88. Another similar report on the petition of Christian Prissick. Dated the same day. 1 *page.*

March 15. 89. Letter by order of the Com^rs^ of Trade and Plantations to Wm Lowndes, Esq., on the petition of Francis Gahlman, sent over by Col. Dudley as a witness against two persons, accessories to the piracies lately committed upon Portuguese ships, which accessories escaped by being taken by the French; recommending 50*l.* to be paid him to discharge his debts and return to New England. Dated 15 March 1704–5.

The petition is not now with it. 1½ *pages.*

March 15. 90. Copy of petition of Nathaniel Cary, merchant, in behalf of the province of Massachusets Bay in New England, to the Queen in Council, asking that the money (2,500*l.*) seized on Captain Quelch and his company, pirates, executed, might be bestowed on that province (exclusive of the charge of their prosecution), to purchase arms, &c. The expenses of the war in which they were engaged with the French and Indians were above 20,000*l.* per ann., and the distresses of it were so great that the 10th man in the province was last summer constantly under arms to defend it, and "140 odd sail of ships" had been lost. Dated 15 March 1704–5. 1 *page.*

March 15. 91. Report of Captn Henry Cartwright and Mr Hen^y^ Vincent, relating to the remonstrance of Major Arch^ld^ Patten, as to pay, subsistence, &c., in connection with the Earl of Donnegal's regiment. Dated 15 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—"23 March 1704. He must pursue his remedy at law." 1½ *pages.*

March 15. 92. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Lewis Oliver, declining to recommend him for employment as a surveyor of duties on houses and marriages. He was discharged for disaffection to the late government, and he was in great necessities, "and consequently not fitt to be employed in any business of trust." Dated 15 March 1704.

His petition and a testimonial.

Minuted:—"21st March 1704. My Lord is of ye same opinion wth the agents." 3¼ *pages.*

March 15. 93. Report of the Agents of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the matters of complaint against Sir Hugh Everard, who was receiver of Essex. Dated 15th March 1704.

Five other papers. 7 *pages.*

March 16. 94. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Joseph Bentley, collector of customs at Lancaster,

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who in Nov. 1688 had served as a guide to the Queen and her retinue, when she retired to Nottingham, when the roads were dangerous and the waters out. He also procured a coach when her Majesty broke down in going to Leicester, and afterwards promoted her interest, &c.; asking for some patent employment in the Customs; recommending him for the same. Dated 16 March 1704–5.

The petition, and a certificate in his favour signed by the Archbishop of York, the Earl of Derby, and others.

Minuted:—"Read 23th March 1704–5. If the petr deserves a better imploymt than he has at psent, the Comrs may take the first opportunity to preferr him thereto, till a pat. office becomes vacant." 3 *pages.*

March 17. 95. Letter of R. Byerley to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to intercede with the Ld High Treasurer to employ Christopher Dobson as a land waiter or tide surveyor. Dated March 17, 1704–5.

Minuted:—"My Lord saies men do not come into such places till they have had long experience in the customes." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About March 18.] 96. "Extract of clauses with respect to fees of the Acts for licensing hawkers and pedlars, &c." [? An enclosure.]

Minuted:—"18 Mar. 1704–5. My Lord doth not think fit to grant this, but the fees must be charged in the acct, and his lop had rather consider ym some other way." 1 *page.*

March 19. 97. Letter from the Earl of Kent, Lord Chamberlain, to the Lord High Treasurer, signifying the Queen's pleasure that 300*l.* should be paid to Sir Charles Cotterell, master of the ceremonies, as a present from her Majesty to Count De Lesitreraine, envoy from the "Elector of Palatine." Dated Cockpit, March 19, 1784.

Minuted:—"Speak wth Sir Charles Cotterel." 1 *page.*

March 19. 98. Petition of Edwd Ebdon and John Steele to the Lord High Treasurer, for a reward for the seizure at Black Lion Stairs, near Hungerford Market, of dollars and plate to the value of 955*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

Minuted:—"19 March 1704. 50li out of prize mony." 1 *page.*

[About March 19.] 99. Petition of Thomas Moor, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, offering to wharf in and improve some old ruined buildings standing on land at Eton near Windsor, if the crown would grant him a lease of the same.

Referred to Samuel Travers, Esq., her Majesty's surveyor general, 19 March 1704. 1 *page.*

March 20. 100. The answer of Anthony Parsons, auditor, to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning a petition from William Thornton, principal of Hart Hall, Oxford, complaining of the auditor's proceedings in relation to some exhibitions settled upon that "society" by the crown for the benefit of poor scholars. No proper receipt or authority for payment had been presented. The charge for admittance of a new

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exhibitioner might amount to near 31*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, but he only took for his own fees 2*s.* 10*d.* for a debenture, and had been so far from defrauding the poor scholars, that he had often undergone some trouble and expense in procuring their exhibitions. Dated 20 March 1704.

The petition, which states "that heretofore a monck of Glassenby gave an estate to Hart Hall, which afterwards was taken from the said hall and vested in the crown, and in lieu thereof, five exhibitions each of 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann. were setled upon the said society by the crowne, to be paid out of the Exchequer, to be disposed of to such young men students there, as the Principall himselfe for that time being should think most deserveing.

"That the same hath been for many years paid by Parsons, Esq., one of the auditors of the Exchequer, but detaines the 6*s.* 8*d.* out of every exhibition, and refuseth to pay the exhibitions which were due last Michas, whereby the poor schollars are in great want of their small subsistance.

"And your petitioner further sheweth that when any young man have an exhibition given him, his name is sent up to the said auditor, who then seizes on all the first year's profitts of the said poor schollars place of 3 6 8, so that the young man is defrauded of a whole year's due, which is a great hardshipp and unjustly imposed by the said auditor."

Minuted:—"27 Apr. 1705. Direct ye aud^r not to intermeddle with ye rec^t or paym^t of this money, but leave it to ye Rec^r (whose duty 'tis), & upon good vouchers ye aud^r is to allow his paym^ts." 2 *pages.*

Mar. 20. 101. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Ld High Treasurer. In the last sessions the House of Commons employed Captn Francis Nevill in a survey for making a canal from the "Loghneagh to Newry, in the north of Ireland, which was proposed as a public advantage. He performed his part, but the charge was computed at near 20,000*l.*, and the House was not in a condition to proceed in it. The House made an address that the surveyor should receive 200*l.* for his trouble. A fresh application had been made by several gentlemen of the House of Commons, but no extraordinary charge could be paid without her Majesty's particular order, so he desired her Majesty's letter if she were inclined thereto. Dated Dublin 20 Mar. 1704–5.

The second minute is:—"4 Apr. 1705. A warr^t to be prepared." 1 *page.*

Mar. 20. 102. Letter of the same to the same. In the last sessions Parliament had resumed the consideration of the services of Dr George Walker, late Governor of Londonderry. In the preceding Parliament they had voted 2,000^li for the support of his family, as they found the supplies would be deficient. They desired that the son of Mr Walker should be provided for until the kingdom should be in a condition to make good the 2,000*l.* The present Mr Walker was never bred to any military employment, so as he could not

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provide for him, and several gentlemen of the House of Commons had applied on his behalf, that he might receive some mark of her Majesty's favour, he proposed the same as in a similar debt to Mr Ricksy, the grant of a pension of 150*l.* per ann., or such sum as her Majesty thought fit. Dated Dublin, 20th Mar. 1704–5.

Minuted:—" 29 March 1705. To be layd before ye Q." 1 *page.*

Mar. 20. 103. Memorial of Mr Henr. Baker to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the removal of John Goldham from Seaford to East Bourne, and of Lewis Gilliart from East Bourne to Seaford. Dated 20 March 1704. ½ *page.*

Mar. 21. 104. " A second report of ye state of ye deficiency on annuities, as it now stands." Dated Exchequer, 21st March 1704–5.

Signed:—" Peter Hume " and " Tho. Cremer." 1 *page.*

Mar. 21. 105. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, recommending the taking off the embargo from a ship. Dated 21 March 1704–5. 1 *page.*

Mar. 21. 106. Report of the Officers of the Works [to the same], on the petition of Matthew Roberts, plumber, who had been employed by the Earl of Portland as superintendent of the Hampton Court gardens, and Mr Talman as his substitute, to cast and make pipes for the use of the gardens and fountains; but before the pipes were laid the King died, and the pipes were afterwards used to repair the main pipe, which brings the water from Comb to Hampton Court House, without which the house would have been wholly destitute of water; recommending the allowances asked for in the petition. Dated 21 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—" Read 21th May 1705. To be paid." 1 *page.*

Mar. 21. 107. Warrant from the Earl of Galway concerning the stoppage of the pay of a man in each company allowed to the colonels or commanding officers under the command of the Earl. Dated Lisbon, 1 April 1705, N.S. 1 *page.*

Mar. 22. 108. Extract from a letter of Mons. de Vryborge, Envoy Extraordinary from Holland, to Mr Harley, Secretary of State, touching certain transport vessels detained at Plymouth having two [Dutch] regiments on board, which had been prisoners in Portugal, and were then detained at Plymouth, because there was some Bourdeaux wine on board. Dated $\frac{\text{22 de Mars}}{\text{2 d'Avril}}$ 1704–5. 1 *page.*

Mar. 22. 109. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the case of Dame Elizabeth Lawson, sole executrix of Sir Wilfrid Lawson of Iselt Hall, in the co. of Cumberland, Bart., who had left 600*l.* to her Majesty in satisfaction of such taxes as he ought to have paid to the Queen or the late King; recommending an English bill in the Court of Exchequer for recovery of the same, if the executrix refused to pay. Dated 22 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—" The mo must be recovd for ye Queen. When she has it her Maty will dispose of it as she thinks fit." 1 *page.*

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Mar. 23. 110. Report of Mr William Vanbrugh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, for payment of their arrears of salary and their travelling charges in the late reign. They claimed 4,133*l.* 3*s.* for arrears, and 6*s.* 3*d.* a day each for attendance at Windsor, and 5*s.* 6*d.* a day at Hampton Court. Dated 23 March 1704–5.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Mar. 23. 111. Report of Mr William Vanbrugh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Thomas Charnock and Mr Benjamin Gregge, serjeants-at-arms to her Majesty, as to their travelling charges. Giving various precedents from the year 1663. Dated 23 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Mar. 1705. My Lord cannot advise an addll charge by granting these travelling charges."

The petition and three certificates.

Part of the last certificate is torn away. It has this minute on it:—"Ult. Julij 1706. My Ld will be ready to gratify them some other way, but doth not think fitt to allow travelling charges." 5 *pages.*

March 23. 112. Letter from the Comrs for Prizes to Mr Lowndes, making certain propositions, (1) as to the sale of brandy out of the St Antonio at Plymouth, (2) as to the sale of linen, woollen, and other French goods out of the "Seine" prize. Dated Prize Office, 23 March 1704–5.

Minuted:—"26 Mar. 1705. Ref. the first part to ye Comrs of Excise, the last to ye Comrs Cust." 1 *page.*

March 23. 113. An unfinished letter [?] to the Lord High Treasurer of England, giving some account of the proceedings of the Irish Parliament, just then adjourned. It states there were some expressions as to tithes upon flax lands mentioned in the linen bill, which gave great offence to the House, "as if they had the care of the civil rights of the clergy." The address was a very full demonstration of the entire confidence the House had in his grace's administration. All people agreed that there never was a session carried on with less heat as to the public, or more good manners to one another. Dated Dublin 23 Mar. 1704–5. 2¼ *pages.*

March 24. 114. Letter by command of the "Prince" to Mr Whitfield, for application to be made to the Ld High Treasurer for money to recruit the marine regiments, which had had great losses by sickness at sea, as well as at Gibraltar. Dated Admiralty Office, 24 March 1704–5. 1 *page, quarto.*

March 25. 115. Report of Mr W. Petyt [Keeper of the Records at the Tower] to the Ld High Treasurer; Mr George Holmes and three other clerks had sorted vast numbers of records into the reigns of the respective kings, to be preserved in the method his Lordship's warrant directed, so that all the great baskets were filled, and there were no presses, drawers, or shelves as yet provided in the two rooms designed for them, occasioned by the Treasurer of the

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Ordnance not consenting to make a brick wall, which the House of Peers thought absolutely necessary for securing the records from fire. Very little further progress could then be made in that work. He had ordered the clerks to abstract and calendar the foreign rolls, &c., and enclosed specimens of the paper proper for the same, and a schedule of the prices, and asked for directions. Dated 25 March 1705.

The schedule and specimens are enclosed, and there are two minutes on them, the last of which is :—" 27 Aug. 1705. The price is agreed to." 2 *pages and* 3 *blank sheets.*

March 25. 116. Memorial of Captain Thomas Lloyd to the Lord High Treasurer, as to arrangements to be made for the clothing, &c. of the soldiers intended for the relief of the company at Newfoundland. The money intended for the subsistence of that company last year (471*l.*) was taken in the Coventry. There was money issued out of the Treasury to make it good, which was to be paid to Mr John Thurston their agent, but he had declined to render account and had resigned his agency. Prays to have the money paid to himself or his new agent. Dated 25 March 1705.

Copies of two other letters thereon. 3 *pages.*

March 25. 117. A few totals connected with the establishment and additional list paid by Edward Nicholas, Esq., for the quarter ended Lady-day 1705. ½ *page.*

March 25. 118. Letter signed Peter Skinner to Mr Lowndes. By some clandestine means it had been insinuated that he was not the real secretary to the Prince of Hesse, but an imposter, or at best but a messenger from his Highness. The bearer would produce undeniable testimonies in relation thereto. Asks for the royal bounty for his services and expenses, which had been very considerable. His return to the Prince, his master, was only retarded by that. His Highness told him (Skinner) at his departure from Gibraltar that in addition to the bounty, the publishing the plan of the place which he brought over, would be worth something considerable, but he was deprived of this, the same being already disposed of, and made public by another hand. Dated 25 March 1705.

Minuted:—" 100li by the łres patę dormt for his service in bringing an express from the Prince." 3 *pages, quarto.*

March 26. 119. Petition of Ursula, Countess Dowager of Plymouth, administratrix of Mary, Duchess of Buckingham, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for the continuance of her grace's pension due at Michaelmas last, to pay her debts and funeral.

Minuted:—" 26 March 1705. There is nothing due that could vest in an administratrix." 1 *page.*

[About 26 March.] 120. Petition of John Higgons, gen., and Alice his wife, to the Lord High Treasurer, in respect to their title to part of Chatham Docks, about which the Attorney General had reported.

Minuted:—" 26 March 1705. My Lord doth not think it proper for him to give any direction in this matter." 1 *page, quarto.*

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March 26. 121. Petition of Thomas Combes, late one of the collectors of the Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer for stay of prosecution for an arrear.

Minuted :—" 26 March 1705. Ref. to Com^rs Excise." 1 *page.*

[? About March 27.] 122. Report signed J. Dod and J. Warters to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Warren, advising an allowance to him for his care and service about the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty in the ports of Dover, Deal, and the Isle of Thanet. Referred to them 27 March 1705.

Minuted :—" 6 June 1705. Agreed."

The petition, a list of ships and goods, and a memorial " of the officers of the Adm^ty about ye Vigo goods." 10 *pages.*

[? About March 27.] 123. Petition of Paul Berthon, a French Protestant, to the Queen. Petitioner in effecting his escape from France by reason of the persecution embarked with his goods at Rochelle in the ship La Seine bound to Canada, and was taken by the Virginia convoy, to his inexpressible joy, and had obtained the royal permission to stay in her Majesty's dominions to enjoy the free exercise of the Protestant religion ; prayed for his goods to be delivered up to him, or if that were impracticable that he might receive relief.

Minuted :—" 27 March 1705. There is no room for any favour in this matter." 1 *page.*

[? About March 27.] 124. Petition of Captain Robert Thomson, late commander of her Majesty's ship Canterbury, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment by the Com^rs of Prizes of the captor's share of the French ship Ponchatrin, in the capture of which the petitioner was supposed to be mortally wounded.

Minuted :—" 27 Mar. 1705. Ref. to ye Comm^rs of Prizes." 1 *page.*

[About March 27.] 125. Memorial of Captn Lyndale and Captn Wentworth, commanding the two additional companies of Col. Handasyd's regiment, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for certain respites to be removed.

Minuted :—" 27 Mar. 1705. Ref. to Mr St John & ye comptroll^rs." 1 *page.*

[? About March 28.] 126. Letter from Sir Theodore Janssen to the Lord High Treasurer, proposing to allow 18½ dollars for each hundred weight of tin on 120 tons being sent to Genoa and 120 tons to Leghorn.

Minuted :—" 28th Mar. 1705. My Lord thinkes it better to do this by comission." 1 *page.*

[About March 28.] 127. Petition of John Aston of London, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for the grant for 51 years of the forest or chace of Arkelgarthdale, alias New Forest in Arkelgarthdale, in the county of York, originally demised to Archibald Douglas, Esq., being concealed lands discovered by the said Archibald.

Minuted :—" 28 March 1705. The former grants proved only vexatious." 1 *page.*

[About March 28.] 128. Petition of Philippa Elliot, widow of Captain Christopher Elliot, commander of her Majesty's ship Dunwich, to the Lord High

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Treasurer. Her husband had been commander of the Granado bomb in the memorable action at Vigo, in the hottest part of the service, and was very much wounded, but received no recompense, though he was the only sea captain wounded; praying for the shares due to him as lieutenant and purser of that ship.

Minuted:—"28 March 1705. Ref. to Com^rs of Prizes." 1 *page.*

[? About March 28.] 129. Memorial of Major Thomas Jones in behalf of the R^t Hon. the Earl of Barrymore's regiment, to the Lord High Treasurer. Three entire companies of the regiment were taken prisoners by the French fleet as they were going to the relief of Gibraltar, and were carried into Cadiz; particularizing their losses and asking relief.

Referred to the Controllers of the army accounts 28 March 1705. 1 *page.*

March 28. 130. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Burnaby, Esq., Sub-Commissioner for Prizes at Hull, advising that he should be appointed as agent for prizes on board the fleet going to the West Indies, and that his office of Sub-Commissioner at Hull should be abolished. Dated 28 March 1705.

Minuted:—"31th March 1705. Agreed, & ye Com^rs to consider of proper instruccõns & p̃nt them to my Lord for his approbacõn."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 29. 131. Certificate of Sir Christopher Wren as to what was due to Richard Stacey, master bricklayer, for works done at the Earl of Albemarle's lodgings at Whitehall. Dated 29 March 1705.

With a note at the foot relating thereto. 1 *page.*

March 29. 132. Letter signed Ni. Harold to the R^t Hon. Robert Harley, Esq., one of the principal secretaries of state, as to the Queen's title to 300*l.* per ann. of Sir Maurice Eustace's estate, including the lands of Killmackeoke, in the county of Dublin. Dated Dublin, 29 March 1705.

Minuted:—"Mr Attorney sayes there is a saving for the Queen's right (if she have any) in the bill, so she can receive no prejudice. 25 Ap. 1705." 1 *page.*

March 31. 133. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer as to the duty to be paid on certain brandy taken out of the St Antonio at Plymouth. The duties were only payable by virtue of her Majesty's declaration. Dated 31 March 1705.

Minuted:—"16th May 1705. A copy of this rep^t to be sent to the Com^rs of Prizes."

Also an extract from a memorial from the Com^rs for Prizes on the same subject. 1¼ *pages.*

March 31. 134. Letter from Mr Southwell to Mr Taylor. Captain Wanless, he thought, would have no further obstruction in receiving what the Queen's letter intended. They were never the better for the 1,680*l.* for the recruits sent to Portugal on account of the exchange. He had not been able to give satisfaction as to the fees, and was 100*l.*

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out of pocket himself. Prays his favour for a poor relation. If they could believe the reports of the town and news letters, they would shortly be seen on the other side (*i.e.*, in England). A great mistake had been made in sending, without the papers, the addresses from the House of Commons for a pension for Governor Walker's son, of Londonderry, and for 200*l.* for Captain Nevill, who had been employed in admeasuring a river in the north to make it navigable. It has this P.S. :—"Pray let me desire you to further the Primate's request about getting ye 500li in order for buying Dr Stillingfleet's library, unless you are afraid we should grow too learned." Dated Dublin, 31 Mar. 1705. 3 *pages, quarto.*

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April 2. 1. Representation of the Comrs of Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer. They had examined several invalids lately arrived from Holland, and admitted those duly qualified to the royal bounty in the hospital, &c. Her Majesty had appropriated 4,000*l.* for the maintenance of such of the sick as could not be admitted to the hospital, but limited the same to those wounded in the last German campaign. Several men had arrived from Holland who could not be paid in consequence. Some men had arrived from Holland who were not qualified for her Majesty's bounty in Chelsea Hospital, and his grace the Duke of Marlborough directed some small allowance to be given them, with passes to carry them home. They recommended 10*s.* each to be given them (the usual bounty given to disbanded soldiers). Dated 2 April 1705.

Five other papers relating thereto.

Minuted :—"Lre to ye Comrs to certify my Lord what will be necry to be furnished for ye services in their report not provided for by ye 4,000li her Maty has given for ye relief of the invalids wounded in Germany ye last campaign." 11 *pages.*

April 2. 2. Copy of Order in Council held at St Jago de la Vega, 2 Apr. 1705, his Excellency Thomas Handasyd, Esq., being then Captain General and Governor-in-Chief. A flag of truce had been sent from Petit Guavas to desire an exchange of prisoners, and thereupon a letter of Captain Duesbury was read. The latter was taken whilst going in a flag of truce to St Domingo, carried into Petit Guavas and there detained contrary to the law of arms, his sloop sold, and himself and company carried prisoners to Old France. A deposition was also read, and as the result the clerk of the council was ordered to go with a letter from his Excellency to Major Peirs at Port Royal, and both were to go on board the "flag of truce." Major Peirs was

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to acquaint the gentlemen in the "flag of truce" of his Excellency's surprise at their sending a flag of truce for exchange of prisoners, since, in violation of the law of nations, they had 15 months ago intercepted a sloop commanded by Captn Duesbury, going with a flag of truce and packets to the Spanish governor of St Domingo, Carthagena, Porto Bello, and the Havanna, sold the sloop, and sent the men prisoners to France. Further, that his Excellency demanded those subjects of her Majesty now sent down in lieu of those taken, and that the gentleman now sent down should engage his word and honour that satisfaction should be made. His Excellency wondered to find her Majesty's subjects were so barbarously treated, and that they were sold as slaves. If full satisfaction were not made, his Excellency would be obliged to treat the French prisoners accordingly. He then allowed every captain and other gentleman half a crown a day, and every private 7½*d*. If the French captain could not concede the above, he must go with his prisoners on the following morning, and one of her Majesty's frigates would convoy him to the coast of St Domingo.

Then follow private instructions for Major Peirs. If the "flag of truce" should go in the morning, the man-of-war was to stop him for further commands. Major Peirs to send an express to the governor, and an acc^t of what French prisoners were at Port Royal and in the men-of-war. Mr Henry Forty to go as interpreter, and Richard Allen to go to justify his deposition. 2¼ *pages.*

April 3. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the portioning out of the money arising from the sale of wines taken as prize by the Devereux galley. Dated 3 Apr. 1705.

A previous report from them, and a petition of Walter "Devorax" on the same subject.

Minuted:—"Agreed, provided the appropriated dutys be not lessened." 4 *pages.*

April 4. 4. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, asking for the Lord High Treasurer's directions in relation to windfall timber squared for naval service in Burley Walk. The Duke of Bolton had obstructed the purveyor in the New Forest in carting the same away. Dated 4 April 1705.

Copy of the surveyor's letter. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 4.] 5. Petition of the Masters in Chancery to the Queen for an increase of their salary: the profits of their places were so mean, and the salary was no way suitable to the great trust reposed in them, and for their great labour and constant attendance in Parliament, &c. Signed.

Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1705. Respited." 1 *page.*

April 5. 6. Memorial of Mr Fox to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to levy money for six new regiments of foot.

Minuted:—"5,000^li orderd in p^t." 1 *page.*

April 5. 7. Memorial from Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the money for presents to the five nations of Indians

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bordering on New York. These presents were furnished for keeping the Indians in dependence on the crown of England, and as a barrier against the French. They were altogether necessary, especially during the present war, lest the Indians should be tempted by supplies from the French to join with them against her Majesty's subjects. Dated Whitehall, 5 April 1705.

Also an order in council. 3 *pages and two parts of pages.*

April 5. 8. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, as well on the memorial of Mr William Shepard and two others, for a patent to coin 40 or 50 tons of copper halfpence or farthings in eight or ten years, as upon the petition of the provost and moneyers of the Mint for a licence to coin 30 tons of copper money a year, under the direction of the officers of the Mint, to relieve them under their great straits. In a previous report they had acquainted his Lordship that the coinage of copper money in the reign of King Charles II., King James II., and the beginning of the late reign had been carried on at the charge of the crown, under the direction of the principal officers of the Mint, which they thought the best method; they still recommend that method. Out of the profits her Majesty might relieve the moneyers, many of whom were starving. Dated Apr. 5, 1705.

The memorial and petition.

Minuted:—" 25 Apr. 1705. Read & approved. There is no want of copper mony in any pt of Engld. at present. And when there is, my Lord will pursue this method." 4 *pages.*

April 5. 9. A. particular of a quarter's wages due in the Treasurer of the Chambers' office at Lady-day last, 1705, to the servants above-stairs, appointed by the annexed list to attend her Maty to Newmarket this inst April 1705." Signed " Mos. Giraudeaux."

The list referred to.

Minuted:—" Orderd 5th Apr. 1705." 2 *pages.*

April 12. 10. The account of the Right Honble Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, late Paymaster Genl of the guards, garrisons, and land forces, of the moneys by him received and paid for that service between the 1st of April 1692 and the 25th of March 1699.

Declared 12 April 1705. *A book of* 15 *pages.*

April 12. 11. Report of the Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. The Lords of the Council had acquainted them that in an expedition with the Earl of Peterborough, a proportion of ordnance stores, officers, gunners, and artificers must be immediately provided. They had not all the stores in the magazines. There was no money for this service included in the estimates to Parliament. The Duke of Marlborough, Master General of the Ordnance, positively ordered that they should not comply with demands made for Ordnance stores, except such as were provided for by Parliament. The charge of the stores and shipping would be 13,764*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*, which they asked might be ordered. Dated 12 April 1705.

The list of the ordnance and prices.

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Minuted:—"Read at New Market, 14 [April]. The Board of Ordnance to be told that since the Queen and Council have ordered these stores to be provided, it must be done, but that my Lord in his own opinion doth not think half of them are necessary or that they will be expended in this expedition, but at the return, of ye fleet when the remains are taken, what part of them are made use of shall be paid for by extraordinary money, that the debt of the Ordnance be not increased thereby." Also this memorandum: "On 16th Apr. 1705, I waited on ye Board of Ordnance and acq^ted them wth ye abovewritten." 7¼ *pages.*

April 13. 12. Report of Mr Willm Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the petition of Rowland Tryon, merchant, attorney to Col. Walter Hamilton, lieut. governor of the island of St Christopher, as to his salary of 200*l.* a year out of the revenue of 4½ per cent.; advising that the lieut. governor had a right to such salary. Dated 13 Apr. 1705.

Written on the back of the petition.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^t for a pr. seal." 2½ *pages.*

April 16. 13. Report of the Controllers for the Army to the Ld High Treasurer, on a memorial of Captain Robert Gardner. A company of the Earl of Donnegal's regiment and 36 recruits were taken by the French and carried to Cadiz, and lost their accoutrements, &c. There was no proof that such things were lost. An allowance might be made for certain of the things upon proof of the loss. Dated 16 Apr. 1705.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

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Mr Gardner refuses to accept of this, and desires no further proceeding may be made thereupon." 1 *page.*

April 17. 14. Report from the same to the same, on the memorial of Major Areskin and other officers of Col. Maccartny's regiment. The nature of it is not apparent. Dated 17 April 1705. 1 *page*

April 17. 15. Report from the same to the same, on the petition of Mr John Man and Mr John MacCullock, as to clothing, off-reckonings, &c. Dated 17 Apr. 1705. 1½ *pages.*

April 18. 16. Report of the Com^rs of Customs. to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Burrow and others, as to a lading of currants upon a Venetian ship, which would have arrived in England by the middle of February, but was detained by English men-of-war, whereby the currants became chargeable with a duty. Dated 18 April 1705.

Minuted:—"April 25th 1705. These duties are appropriated by Act of Parliam^t, & the Queen cannot dispence with it."

The petition and two affidavits.

Another petition from them on the same subject. 8 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

April 20. 17. An establishment of 5,000 additional forces in six regiments of foot, to commence on 20 April 1705. 1½ *large pages.*

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[Apr.?] 23. 18. Letter of William Holbech to "the Hon. William Lounds, Esq." Hs desired to see the commission as to the receivers in Devonshire fairly executed, for the guilty receivers would use all the endeavours imaginable to quash the discovery. One of their clerks had said they could get off the discovery for 50*l.* He desired to have the 30*l.* allowed him now, for he had received but 15*l.* although it was two years since the discovery. Dated "23th inst."

Minuted:—"He is to go down to attend & give information & assistance to ye Comrs & Mr Taylor is to pay him 30 *li.* for his past attendance & this journey. 27 Ap. 1705." ½ *page.*

April 24. 19. Report of the Comrs for sick and wounded, certifying to the truth of the petition of Thomas Kirke, Esq., consul for the English nation at Genoa, that he had received under his care 146 English prisoners, and that he might have disbursed 31*l.* 5*s.* Dated 24 April 1705.

The petition referred to, (which states that there were above 112 prisoners who were English seamen, and had been prisoners at Toulon,) and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 21th May 1705. Agreed." 3½ *pages.*

April 24. 20. "A state of respits on the regimt now commanded by Colonel Hans Hamilton, from the 25th of August 1702 to the 24th of April 1705, exclusive of a detachment of 300 men made the 25th of December 1702, for which an allowance has already been had." 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

April 25. 21. A letter and a report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, in favour of a pension to Sir William Russell, who was formerly a captain in the regiment commanded by Brigadier Cadogan. On account of his indisposition the late King disposed of his command. The Duke of Marlborough had proposed that Sir William should receive some of the pension vacant by the death of Sir Henry Goodrick. Both dated 25 April 1705.

Minuted:—"14 May 1705. My Lord will speak wth the D. of Ormd when he comes over." 2 *pages, quarto.*

April 25. 22. Petition of John Verdin to the Lord High Treasurer, for remission of her Majesty's part of the duty on certain foreign silks, for the importation of which he was convicted. He had been committed to prison on suspicion of corresponding with France, and confined for three months.

Minuted:—"My Lord cannot advise the remitting the Queen's part. 25 Apr. 1705." 1 *page.*

April 25. 23. Letter by command of the Prince to Mr Dodd, to take care Mr Conolly should be reimbursed what he had expended in the prosecution of the "Mary Ann;" directing him (Mr Dodd) to apply to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Admiralty Office, 25 April 1705. 1 *page.*

April 26. 24. Memorial of Edward Douglas to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for an allowance for attending Mr Auditor Harley in relation to the accounts of the two late marine regiments. Dated April 26, 1705. 1 *page.*

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April 26. 25. Memorial of Peter Wentworth, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, for the necessary instruments to be prepared for securing the succession to the petitioner of the estate of Etienne Cambolive, a French alien, who died intestate and without heirs, her Majesty having bestowed the same on the petitioner. Dated 26 Apr. 1705.

Minuted :—" Mr Attorney saies there ought to be an inquisition, and then a ℞ to grant adm̃stracon." " To be layd before ye Qu."

Again :—" Read to ye Queen 19 June 1705. The Queen did not make him any promise, but doth grant it." 1 *page, quarto.*

April 27. 26. Letter from the Lord Chamberlain to the Lord High Treasurer. By all former establishments of the household the chamberlains were empowered to sign warrants for customary allowances, and for want of such power several persons had received no money since her Majesty's accession. Reminds his Lp of a petition from the gentlemen of her Majesty's chapel for allowance of riding charges for attendance at Windsor, and also of a petition for similar allowance from the servants above stairs. Dated Cockpit, 27 Apr. 1705.

Also a similar letter of a previous date, and a list of the customary payments alluded to. Amongst the items is :—" The principall painter's bill [Sir Godfrey Kneller] for drawing her Majesty's picture for embassadrs and for all the plantations as p order of Councill, the price of each picture at whole length 50li." 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

[About April 27.] 27. Petition of Major Edward Nott to the Queen, asking for an allowance for the expense of his transportation, &c., to the province of Virginia, where he had been appointed governor. Col. Seymour, governor of Maryland, and Sir Willm Mathew, late governor of the Leeward Islands, were allowed 400*l.* each.

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer, 27 April 1705. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 30. 28. A memorandum that Mr Ellis Tirrell was inserted upon the first establishment of the Prize Office, as agent for prizes at Lisbon, and had acted whilst Mr Window was agent for prizes on board the fleet. Dated 30 Apr. 1705. 6 *lines.*

[About April 30.] 29. Petition of Thomas Whitgrave of Moseley, in the county of Stafford, Esq., son and heir and sole executor of the will of Thomas Whitgrave, late of the same place, Esquire, deceased, for payment of arrears of pension of 200*l.* a year.

Minuted :—" Read 30th of April 1705. One yeare. See when ye grant was made." 1 *page.*

[? About April 30.] 30. Memorial of Col. Elliott to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the payment of the off-reckonings of the regiment which had been stopped.

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Referred to the Controllers of the army, 30 April 1705. They were away from town and the Earl of Peterborough was desired to move the Ld High Treasurer thereon. 1 *page.*

[? About April 30.] 31. Memorial of Thomas Wyndham, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, complaining of a fine of 180*l.* for renewal of the lease of a house he had built in the Green Cloth Yard, Whitehall. Sir Stephen Fox renewed the grant of his house in the time of King William without any fine. Praying the remission of the fine.

Minuted:—"Read 30th of Aprill 1705. To have this lease paying 100*l.*" 1 *page.*

[? April 1704.] 32. Petition of Thomas Addison, Anthony Shephard, and David Elder, late Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners at war, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the debt of that office and their cravings for their salaries and incidents.

Three other papers connected therewith. 4 *pages.*

[About May 1.] 33. Petition of the Com^rs for licensing hawkers, &c., for themselves and their officers, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for remission of taxes on their salaries.

Minuted:—"1 May 1705. My L^d doth not think it reasonable to make any more preced^ts of this kind." 1 *page.*

May 1. 34. Sums necessary for the more regular settling and closing the accounts of her Majesty's forces in the Low Countries. Dated 1 May 1705. 1½ *pages.*

May 1. 35. "Instructions for William Musgrave, appointed commissary of the train of artillery for an expedic̃on by sea wth the Earl of Peterborow, which are the general instructions to all commissaries." Dated at the Ordnance Office, 1 May 1705. 1 *page.*

[? About 1 May.] 36. Petition of John Derbie, Rec^r Genl of Taxes for the county of Dorset, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of 256*l.* due on his account.

Minuted:—"1 May 1705. To be paid when he has cleared his acco^ts." 1 *page.*

[? About May 1.] 37. Petition of Edward Harrys, Esq., late lieutenant governor of Jersey, to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for bounty, he being confined in the Queen's Bench Prison.

A certificate at the foot with eight signatures in his favour.

Minuted:—"1 May 1705. He must be content wth ye penc̃on he has already." 1 *page.*

May 1. 38. Memorial of the Com^rs of Trade to the Ld High Treasurer for arrears of their salary. They were liable to the taxes and had received no salaries.

Minuted:—"1st May 1705. There are no arrears." 2 *pages.*

[About 1 May.] 39. Representation of Thomas Renda and Edward Ambrose to the Lord High Treasurer, for the grant to them of a new patent for making of copper halfpence and farthings, they having had the former patent.

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Minuted:—"1 May 1705. When there is occasion for new farthings & half pence his Lordsp is resolved to employ ye officrs of ye Mint in yt affair." 1 *page.*

May 1. 40. Petition of John Walker and John Relfe, clerks assistant in the House of Lords, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a reward for their services.

Copy of order of the House of Lords in relation thereto, and a paper containing precedents for the same.

Minuted:—"1 May 1705. 100li between them." 3 *pages.*

May 3. 41. Heads of propositions for the Comrs of Transports for regulating their office. Dated 3 May 1705.

Minuted:—"3d May 1705. My Lord agrees to all the 7 articles except ye 5th. Instrucc̃ons are sign'd accordingly." 5 *pages.*

May 3. 42. Order in Council referring to the Ld High Treasurer the case of Jeronimo Clifford, prisoner within the rules of the Fleet Prison, who sought that subsistence money might be paid him until his difference with the Dutch was determined, he having sustained excessive damages at Surinam. Dated 3 May 1705.

Minuted:—"18 May 1705. My Lord doth not see any reason the Q. should be put to any charge in this matter."

Another copy and the petition of the said Jeronimo. 3 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

[This matter was still unsettled, the claim being for over a million in 1727. *See* a Treasury paper of 27 July in that year.]

May 4. 43. Copy of warrant of Prince George of Denmark to Walter Whitfield, Esq., for payment of 85*l.* odd money to Lieut. Joseph Mason, of the regiment of marines commanded by Col. Thomas Pownall. Dated 4 May 1705. 1 *page.*

May 5. 44. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of George Yeo, gent., as to his claims on the ship Pearl and the cargo thereof. Dated 5 May 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 14 May 1705. When the goods are sold my lord will consider him."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

May 5. 45. "An accot of respitts on Collo Elliott's regimt during their being under the care of the Rt Honble John Howe, Esq." [viz. from 25 June 1703 to 24 Apr. 1704].

Continued in another paper dated 5 May 1705. 2 *pages.*

May 7. 46. Letter from Michael Cole to Mr Lownds, asking for "some gratification" as he had been instrumental in stopping exports to foreign markets. He was then bound for South Carolina. Dated "Downes," 7 May 1705.

Minuted:—"To be pd 50l out of Incidts." 1 *page.*

May 8. 47. Application by the Prize Comrs to Mr Lowndes as to the appointment of a clerk to Wm Burnaby, Esq., who was appointed by the Ld High Treasurer as agent for prizes with the fleet for the West Indies. Dated 8 May 1705. 1 *page.*

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May 8. 48. Letter from the same to the same. They pray approval of the choice they had made of Samuel Atkinson, Esq., and three others, for carrying on sale of prize ships and goods in the absence of some of the Board. *Minuted*:—"This paragraph is approved." They draw attention to the wasting condition of goods in the St Antonio at Plymouth, and of others at Portsmouth, Weymouth, Dover, and Ramsgate. Dated 8 May 1705. 1 *page*.

May 8. 49. Letter signed "Ro. Harley" to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the advance of money to the general officers at Lisbon, to serve in the expedition with the Earl of Peterborough. Dated Whitehall, 8 May 1705.

Also extract of letter from the Board of Ordnance thereon. 2 *pages*.

May 9. 50. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Bromfeild, Esq., riding forester in the New Forest, as to his fees and arrears under his patent. By a decree in the Exchequer in 27 Eliz., the riding forester of the New Forest should have 5*l*. annually paid him out of wood sales in lieu of nine loads of wood out of each bailiwick of the forest. The patent was in the late reign during pleasure and had not been renewed. Dated 9 May 1705.

Application from the Duke of Bolton for directions for a new patent to be passed in his favour.

The petition.

Minuted:—"3 July 1705. To be paid when his patent is renewed." 4 *pages*.

May 9. 51. Report signed Hen. Cartwright and Henry Vincent to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Lord Viscount Charlemont, Brigadier Gustavus Hamilton, and Lieut. Col. Freak, on behalf of Lieut. Genl Erle; as to allowance for recruits, pay of officers, &c., mentioning the sudden death of Brigadier Colenbine. Dated 9 May 1705.

Minuted:—"21th May 1705. My Lord agrees to this report." 1½ *pages*.

May 9. 52. Report of the Officers of Works to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Benjamin Jackson, her Majesty's master mason, for a debt for work done at Hampton Court; certifying the truth of the petition. Dated 9 May 1705.

The second minute on the back is:—"29 7ber 1709. To be paid by tally on tin, with & in like manner as the halfe year is ordered for the workes." 1 *page*.

May 12. 53. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] upon an application from Jeremy Saintecroix for employment. He had been dismissed from a waitership and searchership at Sydmouth in the port of Exeter for continued drunkenness and debauchery. Dated 12 May 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 19 May 1705. Show him ye report."

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His application states that he had lived almost 25 years under "the shadow of the sunbeams" of his lordship's favour. If his lordship would not do him good he must prepare for his sudden change by death, which must be in a few days without a miracle.

Copy of the minute of his dismissal. 2½ *pages.*

May 12. 54. Letter of Margaret Colingwood to the Lord High Treasurer, stating her deplorable condition and asking that she might have her own money. Dated May 12, 1705.

Minuted:—10li bounty out S. S." [secret service.] 1 *page, quarto.*

May 13. 55. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr Whitfeild as to the clearings of the Marine Regiments. Dated 13 May 1705. 1 *page.*

[? About May 14.] 56. Petition of John Littlehales to the Queen for remission of fines imposed on him for two small crimes committed at "Emington [Edmonton] in the co. of Middlesex. The fines belonged by grant to the Dean of St Paul's, who would have remitted the same, but the petitioner did not apply in time and he had been imprisoned in Newgate five years; praying a remittance of the fines.

Extract from the Pipe Roll in relation to the same.

Referred to Mr Borrett, 14 May 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 6 June 1705. Wt for his discharge so farr as is in ye Queen without prejudice to the right or claim of the Dean of St Paul's." 1 *page and* 1 *membrane of vellum.*

May 14. 57. Report of Sir Edw. Northey to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Dame Eliz. Lawson, widow and executrix of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., on behalf of herself and six small children; praying her Majesty's discharge of a legacy of 600*l.* bequeathed to her Majesty by Sir Wilfrid, in recompense for taxes which he, in his codicil, said he ought to have paid. Sir Edward's opinion was, she was entitled to her Majesty's charity, especially since the codicil which contained the bequest was so worded that it carried a presumption that the testator was not in his senses when he dictated it. Dated 14 May 1705.

The petition and two certificates.

The second minute is:—"27th Augt 1705. The Queen gives this legacy for the benefit of her children." 4 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

[About May 14.] 58. Petition of Sir Richard Cox, Knt, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, to the Queen; praying payment of 500*l.* out of the revenue of Ireland, for disbursements in attending her Majesty and the Cabinet Council in April 1703.

Minuted:—"14th May 1705. Ref. to Lord Lieut." 1 *page.*

[? About May 14.] 59. Petition of Richard Fransum, servant to the groom porter. He was employed to see that all her Majesty's palaces, Houses of Parliament, and ambassadors first lodgings, were furnished with such necessaries as the groom porter had to provide; and he had to

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attend her Majesty in all journeys and progresses; asking to be inserted on the establishment for riding charges, &c.

His fees for carrying up wood and coals to the privy lodgings were taken off.

Minuted:—"Read 14 May 1705. The allowance on ye establishment is in full of all bills." 1 *page.*

May 14. 60. Letter from Mr Wm Lowndes to the officers of the Board of Greencloth, asking for their opinion on the petition of William Clopton, Esq., which prayed that several fees and perquisites might be allowed him. He claimed them as his right for making and serving her Majesty with wafers at her coronation. Dated 14 May 1705.

The petition, in which he states he holds the manor of Lyston in the co. of Essex of the crown, by the services of making the wafers for her Majesty on the day of her coronation and serving them at her table.

At the foot of the petition is the claim put in by him before the Queen's com^rs to receive and determine claims of persons holding lands by services to be performed at the coronation; together with a list of the articles demanded. 2 *pages, the last very large and carefully prepared.*

[About May 14.] 61. Mr Robert Hart's answer to a complaint for stopping taxes out of small pensions to y^e clergy of Durham, addressed to John Taylor, Esq.

Also an opinion of the Attorney General in relation thereto.

Minuted:—"14 May 1705. Mr Att. being informed y^t the pen$\tilde{c}$on deed doth not conteyn any pfect conveyance of landϱ out of wch these pen$\tilde{c}$ons are to issue in y^e nature of fee farme rents, & there being no assessm^ts made on them, the Rec^r should go on to pay the pen$\tilde{c}$ons as he has hitherto, w^thout deduc$\tilde{c}$on of taxes, and if the revenue be not sufficient to pay y^e whole, he must pay them in propor$\tilde{c}$on as far as 'twill extend till y^e taxes cease." 2 *pages.*

May 15. 62. Petition of Charles Lucas, closet keeper, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to riding charges; asking for a separate warrant, wherein Kensington might be included.

Minuted:—"Orderd 15th May 1705." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 16. 63. "Reasons in favour of Captain Cary's petition to her Maj^tie in behalf of her province of Massachusets Bay, for the pirate money, to be humbly offer'd to the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England."

Minuted:—"16th May 1705. My Lord is of opinion that the m^o ought to be brought hither according to y^e direc$\tilde{c}$on already given, and if after it shall appear by a particular representa$\tilde{c}$on what species & quantitys of stores shall be absolutely nec^ry, my Lord will have no objec$\tilde{c}$on against her Ma^tys issuing such pt thereof to the Tr$\tilde{e}$r of y^e Ordnance here for providing the same as she shall thinke fit." 2 *pages, quarto.*

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[?About May 16.] 64. Petition of Sir Samuel Dashwood and Sir Stephen Evance, Knts, and Tho. Gibson, gent., executors of Sir John Foche, Knt, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, for certain allowances, and for process to be superseded.

Minuted:—"16 May 1705. Supersede ye process already issued, & stay process till further ordr."

Also copy of a warrant. 2 *pages.*

[About May 16.] 65. Petition of Major Archibald Patten to the Lord High Treasurer for the sum promised to be made good to him when he resigned his pretentions to the company he commanded in Lord Donnegal's regiment, &c.

Minuted:—"This 195l wilbe supplyed in a little time. 16 May 1705." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 18. 66. Report of Sir Edw. Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Lady Oglethorpe, desiring to be released from a covenant to repair the capital messuage of the manor of Houghton, in the county of Huntingdon; advising the relief to be given. Dated 18 May 1705.

With it is a letter from Sir Edwd Northey to Mr Lowndes, inclosing a warrant for the relief sought. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

[About May 18.] 67. Memorial of Mr William Houston, minister of the gospel, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that his Lordship would dismiss his colleague, Mr Henry, and himself with his commands.

Minuted:—"18 May 1705. 20li a peece out of secret service. to Mr William } Mr Henry } Houston." 9 *lines.*

[About May 19.] 68. Petition of William Hooker and Robert Corker to the Lord High Treasurer, seeking for the grant of the office of Receiver General of the duchy of Cornwall for their two lives, giving some particulars of the previous holders of the office.

Minuted:—"19 May 1705. It's agt rule to grant for lives, and no further grant of any kind ought to be made till the debt to ye crown be cleared. The audr to make a state of it." 1 *page.*

May 19. 69. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Baldwin Malet, Esq., late Receiver Genl of Somerset, as to the rectification of a mistake in paying to the wrong account at the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 19 May 1705.

The petition and two certificates. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About May 21.] 70. Petition of Thomas Pullein, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer for arrears of salary as stud master in the late reign.

Certificate as to his salary.

Minuted:—"Read 21 May 1705. There is nothing due to him in ye Qs time, & there is no mo to pay ye arrears in ye late Ks. time." 2 *parts of pages.*

[About May 21.] 71. Complaint of the Lord Granville and the rest of the lords proprietors of Carolina, who had tendered seven years rent for their

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province, and asked that one tally might suffice, the clerks of the Exchequer demanding fees for seven tallies.

The answer of the officers and clerks of the Tally Court thereto. One of the principal reasons is that it would encourage them to delay paying their rent.

Minuted :—" Read 21 May 1705." 2 *pages.*

[About May 21.] 72. Petition of the justices of the peace and burgesses of Westminster, and other the inhabitants of the parish of St James, to the Queen, for the unstopping of a passage out of Pall Mall into St James' Park.

With numerous signatures.

Minuted:—" 21 May 1705. To be laid before ye Q. Read to ye Queen 19 June 1705. There is a way at ye end of ye garden. The peticõn is not thought reasonable." 1 *large page.*

[?About May 21.] 73. Petition of Susanna Arnold to the Rt Hon. Henry Boyle, Esq. Her father, Mr John Arnold, was employed in his late Majesty King William's service for some secret affair at Calais, where he sent for his wife and children from England, and continued a considerable time; but about April 1699 was seized by the guard of Mons. Latoure, then lieutenant of Calais, and sent up to Paris. On his journey he sent a letter to his wife. He was committed a prisoner of state to the Bastile his goods seized and destroyed, and his wife and children sent to England at two hours notice. Mr Vernon, whilst Secretary of State, supplied petitioner's mother with 5*l.* a month, but it was discontinued on his removal. The Earl of Jersey, upon inquiry of Mr Prior, found that her father was in the Bastile, but upon enquiry after him he had been removed, and he had never been heard of since. On his late Majesty's arrival from Holland in 1699 her mother was allowed 100*l.* per ann., and it was continued in her Majesty's reign till Mrs Arnold's death. The petitioner was left in debt, and now prayed for a continuance of her Majesty's favour. She was descended on her mother's side from Archbishop Juxon.

Minuted :—" 21 May 1705. To be laid before ye Q. Read to ye Q. 19 June 1705. 30li a year to be paid to Mr N. Arnold for her maintenance & education p Mr Nicholas."

The copy of the letter referred to, with this postscript :—" Without a penny of mony or any thing, & what will follow I know not." 1 *large page and a few lines.*

[About May 21.] 74. Memorial of Mr J. Stanley, Warden of the Mint, to the Lord High Treasurer. He had been required by his Lordship to lay before him an account of the discovery made by Mr Graham of a gang of coiners in Westmoreland and Yorkshire. The deposition of John Hamond, who was apprehended with counterfeit coin, charged one Marmaduke Robinson, of Westmoreland, and several others in Yorkshire, with plating and coining money, on which Robinson was committed. He would send Mr Weddell his clerk to execute the warrant for apprehension, &c. of the persons in Yorkshire, &c.

Minuted :—" 21 May 1705. Read." 1 *page.*

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[?About May 21.] 75. Petition of James, Earl of Abercorne, in behalf of himself and Elizabeth, Countess of Abercorne, his wife, and their eight younger children, to the Queen, as to their interest in the lighthouses in Ireland, the particulars of which have been set out in previous entries in this Calendar (see 1 Aug. 1704 and 2 Dec. 1704); praying the Queen to accept of a surrender of the patent, and to grant the petitioner an equivalent.

Minuted:—"21 May. To be ref. to ye D. of Ormond."

Again:—"25 July 1705. My Lord will repnt to ye Q. that E. of Abercorne have 1,000li a year for 3 years out of ye revenue in Ireland in lieu of 500li a year & ye tonage of foreign ships by him surrendred." 1 *page*.

May 23. 76. Two papers as to respits on the musters from 24 Dec. 1704 to 24 April 1705. One is dated 23 May 1705. 2 *pages*.

May 23. 77. Report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Richard Stone, Esq., a bondsman for Mr Henry Rotheram, late collector of the revenue in the county of Cavan, who was insolvent; they should proceed for the recovery of the balance. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 23 May 1705.

The petition and a letter from Mr Lowndes.

Minuted:—"6 June 1705. My Lord will not give any direction to hinder the recovery of this mony to the Queen, etc." 3½ *pages*.

May 23. 78. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer, on the case of Mons. Rosenkrant, envoy from the King of Denmark, touching some French wines by him imported from Holland, then under seizure, and on the question whether wines brought for immediate use of an ambassador could not be admitted to an entry upon payment of customs: his opinion was that they could not. Dated 23 May 1705.

A translation of M. Rosenkrant's letter and a letter from Mr Lowndes.

Minuted:—"Copys to be sent to the ambr of Prussia, the Emperor's envoy, & the Danish envoy." 3 *pages*.

[About May 24.] 79. Virginia.—State of the accompt of the revenue of 2*s* for every hhd of tobacco exported, port duties and head money rais'd for the support of the governmt in Virginia from the 25th of October 1703 to the 25th Aprill 1704.

Also "Acct of quitt rents in Virginia for the year 1703," and "Increase of the quit rents of Virginia in the years following."

Minuted:—"Read 24 May 1705." 3 *pages*.

[About May 24.] 80. Petition of William Sherlock, D.D., and Master of the Temple, to the Lord High Treasurer. His pension of 37*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. was in arrear 102*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*.; prays payment.

Minuted:—"24 May 1705. There is no mony of arrears at present." 1 *page*.

[?About May 24.] 81. Petition of Captain John Davison of Great Yarmouth, Esq., Robert Roll of Lynn Regis in the county of Norfolk, gentleman,

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and James Bengough of London, gent., who prayed for a grant or lease for 31 years of some thousand acres of "ouzy," sandy, and marsh lands, deserted and abandoned by the sea on the coasts of Norfolk and Lincoln, viz., between Wells and Walton in Norfolk, and Barton and St Mary's in Lincoln.

Minuted:—"24 May 1705. Ref. Surveyr Genll."

Again:—"Read 25th July 1705. Agree wth the report."

The report is not now with it. 1 *page*.

[? About 24 May.] 82. Petition of James Fisher, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, for the allowance of his charges in going to Newcastle about the trial of Onesepherus Dagnia for defrauding the Queen of the duty on glass bottles.

Minuted:—"Read 24th May 1705. My Lord thinkes that Mr Fisser should acquiesce in what Mr Barker has reported to be reasonable, and not put the Queen or Dagnia to any further charges."

Four other papers relating to the same. 5 *pages*.

[? About May 24.] 83. Petition of Sarah Pember, late wife of Seaborne Buckeridge, deceased, to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for directions to be given for prosecuting Mr Parkhurst for money received by him for her Majesty's use.

Minuted:—"24 May 1705. Mr Parkhurst has promised he will pay her in a very little time." 1 *page*.

[? About May 24.] 84. "An account of the messengrs bills from the 8th March 1703–4 to the 25th March 1705."

Minuted:—"24 May 1705. As soon as there is mony." ½ *page, quarto*.

[? About May 24.] 85. Petition of Richard Windebank, gent., "assigne" of William Hunt, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. By petitioner's assistance Mr Hunt discovered sufficient effects of Michael Wicks, late receiver of plantation duties in 1693, to satisfy a debt due to the crown. A third part of the estate of 50,000*l*. and upwards was due to the petitioner, but from 1697 Wicks had kept the crown out of the debt and the discoverer out of his reward; praying his Lordship's assistance.

Minuted:—"24 May 1705. Ref. to Comrs of Customs." 1 *page*.

[? About May 25.] 86. Petition of Laurence Francklin to the Lord High Treasurer. About a year ago 5½ cast of hawks were brought to the petitioner in her Majesty's name, being a present from the King of Denmark. The cost of keeping them had been at least 60*l*. He had exhausted his whole substance in keeping them; asks what her Majesty desired to have done with them, and for an allowance for keeping them.

Minuted:—"Read 25th May 1705. See what has been paid & how much is due at ye same rate."

"There was paid on 7th June 1704 to Mr Pauncefort out of sec. ser. money on accot of 6 cast of hawkes presented to the Queen the

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sum of 73li, whereof 50li was a present to [the] person who brought them frō Denm[ark] and 23li for the charge of keeping . . . 20 weeks from 11 January to the 7th of June, being at ye rate of 23s a week. Half a cast dyed about ye time that the demand comences, and if a proporcōnable part of ye said 23s a week be abated for the same, then the charge of keeping ye 5 cast & a halfe for 52 weeks, from 7th June 1704 to 6 June 1705, will amount to 54li 16s 4d" The petitioner also asked for 40*l.* for the trouble of keeping them.

Minuted again:—"Read 13th June 1705. To have 60li out of secret service money and the hawkes." Pd. 15 June 1705. 1½ *pages.*

May 25. 87. Presentment of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, for repayment of officers' taxes whose salaries exceeded not 100*l.* per ann. Dated 25 May 1705.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

May 29. 88. Letter from Mr Secretary Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing petition and account of Mr Broughton, her Majesty's consul at Venice (which had been laid before the Queen), for his Lordship's consideration.

He claimed 1,068*l.* 4*s.* 10½*d.* by his account.

Minuted:—"8th June 1705. A consul has no title to make bills of extrys, but if he has been at any expences relating to ꝑsoners at warr he may make a bill of that, & it shall be refd to the Comrs for sick & wounded." "Read 11th July 1705. My Lord will speak wth Mr Secry Hedges." 4 *pages, quarto.*

May 30. 89. Letter from R. Eure to the Lord High Treasurer. By reason of sickness and sores he could not attend these two sessions, as Lord Wharton and others knew very well; asking his Lordship to speak a word to her Majesty on his behalf. He would never give further trouble. Dated 30 May 1705.

Minuted:—"1o Junij 1705. To be laid before the Queen."

Again:—"Read to ye Q. 19 June 1705. 100li sec. service." 1 *page, quarto.*

May. 90. Paper headed:—"An account of fees received for bankers' annuities for the month of May 1705." 1¼ *pages.*

June 1. 91. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Captain Thomas Silver for payment of 245*l.* 15*s.* due to him for fire and candle for the gunners at Whitehall and in St James' Park, &c. Dated 1 June 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 6th June 1605. There is no fond for these arrears."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

June 1. 92. Report of Mr W. Whitfeild, Paymaster of Marine regiments, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the clothiers of the regiment of the late Col. Fox, asking for payment; he had not received muster rolls. Dated 1 June 1705.

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Minuted:—" 6 June 1705. As soon as the muster rolls mencond in ye rept are return'd, my Lord will ordr the clearings out of wch the petrs may be paid; but till then my Lord doth not know what is due, or how much may duely be paid."

The petition and a letter. 3 *pages.*

June 1. 93. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Lieut.-Col. William Froud as to his half pay. Dated 1 June 1705.

Minuted:—" Read 31th July 1705. There is no money for half pay." 2 *pages.*

June 2. 94. Letter from Lady H. Waldegrave to Mr Lowndes, and a petition to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for payment of 2,000*l.* out of arrears due to her. She was anxious to go to the "Spaws" for her health. The letter is dated June 2.

Minuted:—" Read 5th June 1705. 500li." 2 *pages.*

June 4. 95. Mr Secretary Hedges' letter to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a previous letter concerning Brigadier Shrimpton's half pay. Dated 4 June 1705. *Parts of* 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 4. 96. Report of Lord Halifax on the memorial of Mr Hume and Mr Cremer, in favour of an additional allowance to them for payment of annuities at the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated Exchequer, 4 June 1705.

The memorial and two other papers.

Minuted:—" 8th June 1705. Agreed." 4 *pages.*

June 4. 97. A list of such of his late Mats servants in the houshold and stables as are now out of employment, &c. Supplied by the Comrs of the Board of Green Cloth. 4 June 1705. 11 *pages.*

June 5. 98. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Robert Loggan. They would employ him according to his Lps directions, but he had made scandalous reflections on one of their number "for not appointing him to ships." The present number of established landwaiters was sufficient. There should be a stop put to the admission of more keymen, &c. Dated 5 June 1705.

Minuted:—" Agreed."

The petition, copy of a former report, and a list of the "keymen." 6 *pages.*

[? About June 5.] 99. Petition of the seven officers and clerks of the Tally Court in the receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant to Lord Halifax for payment of 580*l.* for tallies on which they had taken no fees.

Minuted:—" 8 June 1705. A wt."

Certificate from Ld Halifax. Dated 5 June 1705. 2 *pages.*

June 5. 100. Letter from the Comrs for sick and wounded to Wm Lownds, Esq., asking him to move the Ld High Treasurer for imprest to their secretary for subsistence of prisoners of war, &c., Mr. Povey, their treasurer, being dead. Dated 5 June 1705.

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On the back are some particulars as to Mr Povey's securities. Dated 5 June 1705. 1 *page.*

[? About June 6.] 101. Petition of Charles Aldworth, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that no further proceedings might take place against the heirs and executors of his late father, who was auditor of the post office.

Minuted:—"6 June 1705. Ref. to ye Post Mrs." 1 *page.*

[? About June 6.] 102. Copy of documents docquetted:—"Mint Office, 28th March 1705. Memorial to my Ld Treasurer concerning the weights, hammers, stamps, &c., provided for the coynage halls, and his Ldps warrant to the Recr Genll of the Duchy of Cornwall to pay for the same. Dated 19th May 1705. And acct of particulars annexed."

Also receipt by John Anstis, Esq., Recr Genl of moneys arising by the sale of her Majesty's tin. Dated 6 June 1705. 3 *pages.*

[? About June 6.] 103. The case of John Hill, Esq., and Elinor his wife, the late widow and executrix of Col. Archibald Douglasse, offered to the consideration of the Right Honble the Ld High Treasurer. The late King James granted a lease for 51 years of the forest or chase of Arkingarthdale and New Forest, in the co. of York, with the lead mines, to Col. Douglass, which were found to be concealed lands; with proviso as to the recovery of them. Suits were prosecuted against Theodore Bathurst and John Bathurst (son of John Bathurst, physician to the late usurper Oliver Cromwell), then in possession of the premises, &c., but Theodore Bathurst getting to be a member of parliament insisted on his privilege, and no further proceedings were had. Col. Duglass died. The petitioner married the said Ellinor and took this patent as part of her fortune. He gives other particulars how he was thwarted. He and Lady Yarborough had hoped to have obtained a new grant. He had refused 1,200*l.* for his interest in getting the grant. His Lordship had refused to grant the same as the title had not been made out. Asking for recompense or some place.

Minuted:—"6 June 1705. My Ld doth not think ye Queen any way liable to make good ye charges he has been any way at in this matter." 2½ *pages.*

[About 6 June.] 104. Petition of Henry Hayter, who was employed as a clerk in the Treasury office under the late Treasurer of the Navy, to the Ld High Treasurer. Nearly 800,000*l.* of her Majesty's treasure had been left in his office and he was thought a fit person to pay that money. Prays for a reward for his labour.

Minuted:—"6 June 1705. Speak to ye Comrs of ye Navy abt this at their next attendance." 1 *page, quarto.*

June 8. 105. "Mr Blathwayt's report to Ld H. Treasurer upon several papers from the Commissrs of Prizes," viz., as to the disposal of the prizes in the West Indies, the difficulty of finding agents, excessive charges, &c., with the minutes on the same. Dated Whitehall, 8 June 1705. 6 *pages.*

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1705. [? About 8 June.] 106. Petition of the inhabitants of Drury Lane division, in the parish of St Martin in the Fields. Mr Burgess's meeting house in Russel Court being convenient for a chapel of ease for the inhabitants, who were very remote from the parish church, had been taken and fitted up at a charge of 650*l.* and upwards. The inhabitants being mostly retail traders were unable to raise the same unless assisted by well-disposed Christians. Pray her Majesty's benevolence. Signed by the vicar, church and chapel warders.

Minuted:—"8 June 1705. To be laid before ye Q."

"*Again:*—Read to ye Queen, 19th June 1705. Her Majty is inclind to give 100*l.*, but see first whether ye works be compleated by ye inhabitants." 1 *page, quarto.*

June 8. 107. Memorial of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills to the Lord High Treasurer. They had taken subscriptions for 200,000*l.* to the twelfth contract and send a list of the subscribers. Dated 8 June 1705.

The list referred to. 2 *pages.*

June 11. 108. Letter from Col. Thomas Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, to the Lord High Treasurer. Admiral Whetstone's letter of credit should be complied with. The fleet of 12 merchant ships arrived under his convoy, with six men-of-war, on the 17th ult. They took a brigantine and sloop. The ships continued healthy. They sailed on the 6th inst. to cruise on the coast of Carthagena and "Porto Bell." The homeward bound fleet would sail by the end of July under convoy of four men-of-war. Captain Nathaniel Boys, who commanded H.M. ship Deal Castle, had been taken up on a criminal charge. The Admiral designed to try him but he made his escape, and they could not apprehend him. He (the Governor) believed he had got off to the enemy. He learnt by a spy that a French sloop was preparing at Petty Guavas to come with a flag of truce under pretence of exchange of prisoners, with a letter from the Governor there, and that the gentleman who was to come was lieut. governor of that place, a very cunning intriguing blade, named De Chouppe Salampar. He (the Governor of Jamaica) ordered two men-of-war in the harbour to sail with all expedition in search of such flag of truce, to bring her in, &c., and keep her without the quays. Upon notice of her arrival he ordered the captain of Port Royal Fort to board her and know her business. The commander's answer was that he had brought 35 English prisoners to exchange for French, most of whom were men taken at the Bay of Andoras with "turtlers" and others. He sends the minutes of Council relating to the flag of truce. He could not receive the French governor's letter, nor keep any correspondence with him, since the Queen and the French King were at war. He could not exchange prisoners without orders. If the sloop's company wanted refreshments they should be supplied. He exchanged the 35 prisoners and ordered a man-of-war to convoy the ship to St Domingo. The Act for quartering the soldiers expired 1 Aug., and he was obliged to call an assembly. He was very apprehensive of their stubborn cross tempers, but he should use all his

endeavours to make them sensible of the Queen's care for them. The late Chief Justice, Col. Beckford, had retired, and he had appointed Lieut.-Col. John Walters, a very even-tempered man, in his place, who had been assistant judge for five years. There was a report that the French expected forces from Old France, with a fleet of men-of-war, to attack Jamaica. He took it to be nothing but a French gasconade to keep the Spaniard in hopes, but if otherwise, he hoped they should show themselves faithful servants of the Queen. Dated Jamaica, June 11, 1705.

Minuted:—"27 Aug^st 1705. Read. To be laid up." 3 *pages.*

June 12. 109. Letter from the Com^rs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes in answer to a letter signed "A. B.," containing complaints of mismanagement and delays in the office; repelling the accusation. Dated 12 June 1705.

Minuted:—"Shew this to A. B. if he appears." 1 *page.*

June 12. 110. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the Com^rs of the Royal Hospital for seamen at Greenwich, praying her Majesty's grant to that hospital of 6,472*l.* 1*s.*, being the effects of Kidd, a notorious pirate, condemned and executed for piracy. Several persons had appeared and pretended an interest in those goods, but could not make out their right thereto and were dismissed. On 5 May 1701 a claim was made to them by one Coga Baba and other Armenian merchants, who pretended they had been robbed of the goods by Kidd. The Court [of Admiralty] on 20 July 1701 decreed several commissions for the examination of witnesses in the East Indies, and pending the suit ordered the goods to be appraised and sold, and the money to be brought into court, and the court decreed the amount to be paid to Prince George of Denmark, Lord High Admiral, and it was afterwards paid into the Exchequer. Any merchant might make out a claim, and the law did not limit the owner of the goods piratically taken to any certain time, to prove his property in the goods, so that anyone substantiating his claim by law at any time hereafter, might become entitled to the amount in question, but it seemed very unlikely that any claim should be set up. Dated 12 June 1705.

The petition referred to, and a paper entitled "State of the proceedings against the goods seiz^d upon Capt. Kidd the pirate, in the High Court of Admiralty of England."

There are also duplicates of the first two documents. 8 *pages.*

June 13. 111. Letter from Lord Cornbury, Governor of New York, to the Lord High Treasurer, complaining of malpractices (of which he gives instances) of Mr Byerley, Collector and Receiver General of the Province, for which he had been suspended. In the meantime he had appointed Mr Peter Fauconnier to be a com^r to execute that office. Testifies to his good qualities, and hopes he may have the appointment. Dated New York, 13 June 1705.

Two smaller papers relating thereto. 6 *pages.*

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[? About June 13.] 112. Petition of Anthony Sturt, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, for stay of process against him in connection with the victualling accounts, and for removal of obstructions in passing those accounts.

Minuted:—" 13 June 1705. Write to Com^rs Victs to hasten what they have to do in relation to these acco^ts, and prepare a w^t for stop of process 'till next Hillary Terme." 1 *page.*

June 13. 113. Report of William Vanbrugh, Esq., Deputy Controller of the Treasurer of the Chamber, on the petition of the officers of the Jewel Office for travelling charges, advising an allowance of 7*s.* 6*d.* to the yeomen, and 5*s.* to the groom, for their travelling days, and the half thereof during her Majesty's residence at Windsor and Hampton Court. Dated 13 June 1705.

Minuted:—" 19 June 1705. Agreed."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About June 13.] 114. Petition of Guicciardine Wentworth to the Lord High Treasurer. He had been a servant of the crown almost 40 years "without any salary or allowance besides what he got (wch was small)," &c.; asks for a pension "or otherwise," as his Lordship should please.

Minuted:—" 13 June 1705. My Lord cannot advise the granting a pen^c̃on, but when any thing falls that is proper for him, my Lord will be ready to put him into some imploym^t."

" Read again 7 Dec. 1705. When there is a patent office void his Lord^sp will give it him." 1 *page.*

June 14. 115. Articles of agreement between Peter Hume on behalf of her Majesty of the first part, Thomas Rymer, historiographer to her Majesty, of the second part, and Awnsham Churchill of the third part, as to the preparation and printing of the third volume of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 14 June 1705. (Signatures torn away.)

Specimen leaf united. 3 *pages.*

June 14. 116. "Treasurer of the Navy's certificate of cash. Dated the 14th June 1705." 2 *pages.* (? One of a series numbered 11.)

June 15. 117. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Wm Palmes, Esqre, for (1.) a lease of the manors of Cookham and Bray, &c.; (2.) for a messuage called Morehall, and 260 acres of land in Upwell in the county of Norfolk; and (3.) for the late dissolved monastery of Newnam, *alias* Newinham, and lands belonging, in the co. of Bedford, late the estate of Thomas White, *alias* Whitebread, the Jesuit attainted of high treason.

As to the 1st the rents were answered for to Michaelmas 1697. The trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents conveyed them to Humphrey Hetherington, Esq. The benefit of the grant was for the Lord Sommers. The petitioner was anxious that his grant might be confined to the stewardship, and such royalties and perquisites as remained in the crown, notwithstanding the grant to

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Hetherington. The value was altogether casual. By the Court Rolls of 1699 and 1700 these profits came to 796*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, but he found very little but what was set upon poor people, for encroachments and cottages upon the wastes of the manor, and the auditor says they are looked upon as illeviable. The profits by the parliamentary survey were estimated at about 1,500*l.* per ann. If granted, the fishing of Tadpool, &c., ought to be excepted. It was granted to Richard Aldworth, Esq., and lately petitioned for by John Bath, gent., on behalf of Anthony Meeke, Esq., &c. If the grantee had power, with the free consent and agreement of the commoners, to compound with the incroachers and cottagers (which he took to be the most valuable part of the premises), he ought to reserve at least one third of the value on such composition, to be paid in rent to her Majesty, &c.

[*Minuted*:—My lord cannot advise granting any part of Cookham or Bray.]

(2.) The tenement called Morehall and lands are parcel of the Londoners Fenn, and having escheated to the crown for defect of heirs of Sir Wm Tresane, Bart., were granted in 1668 to John Sharpe and others for 31 years; which term was assigned to Francis Bell, Esq. His son, Beaupere Bell, petitioned about 1699 to renew the lease, &c. He was informed the acreage was much greater than represented. The last grants passed without any particular rated by the surveyor. Two other petitions for these premises had been referred to him. If his lordship would order a particular to be rated, he would have the premises surveyed and an estimate made.

[*Minuted*:—The survr to make a new survey of the premisses and to describe the contents and make a valuacõn thereof.]

(3.) The estate of Thomas White *alias* Whitebread. By inquisition of 32 Car. II., Sir Roger Martyn, Bart., was found seized in fee of the site of the late dissolved monastery of Newnham, *alias* Newenham, and of parcels of land of the annual value of 257*l.* 2*s.*; but direction was given for stay of process, and the rents remained in the hands of the tenants till the reign of King James, when they were paid to Lord Petre until the Revolution, when by inquisition in 1689 the premises were found to have been held by Lord Petre for the use of an English nunnery at Rouen (Roven) in Normandy.

Minuted:—"Enqre further whether the crown has any right to this. Desire Mr Attorney to enquire whether the Queen has a probable title & report to my Lord." Dated June 15, 1705.

The petition and a certificate in relation to the manors of Cookham and Bray. 8 *pages, all injured.*

June 16. 118. *Docquetted*:—"A copy of a letter from Mr Broughton ye Queen's consul at Venice, to my Ld Treasr 16o Junij, A.D. 1705." He asks for consideration of the great disbursements he had made in fifteen years service for the crown, in higher affairs than ever any consul had the command of, in the most difficult times, to the most politic governments. Desires favour in passing his accounts. His zeal for the public interest (with no benefit for his consulate sufficient to pay post letters to and fro) might merit his lordship's

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consideration. If he had a greater estate than he had spent in the public service, which was above 4,000*l.* of his own, he would not grudge it. He hoped it was not the interest of the crown to let his credit sink. 1½ *pages.*

June 19. 119. Copy of a report of the Controllers of the army as to payment for certain medicines. The copy made 19 June 1705. [The original is dated 21 Sept. 1704 and is in its place.]

Also two other documents connected therewith 1 *page and* 2 *parts of pages.*

[? About June 19.] 120. Petition of Evert Jollyvet to the Lord High Treasurer, for arrears of his salary as late clerk of the stables, and for a pension.

Minuted:—"Read to ye Queen 19 June 1705. No pencons, but when an opportunity offers he & Mons̃ Gendrault are to be considerd." 1 *page.*

June 19. 121. "Papers to be laid before the Queen. Read 19 June 1705. Vide the minutes in ye Minute Book."

See *Minute Book*, Vol. XIII. pp. 100 and 101, where these are entered. 3 *pages.*

June 20. 122. Letter signed "Ro. Harley to John Taylor, Esqre, in Palmal Court," introducing Capt. Ogilvie as the person the Lord Treasurer commanded to be sent. Dated 20 June 1705.

Minuted:—"Orderd on 21th June 1705. 100^li out of S. S. m^o p^d 22th d^o." *A few lines.*

June 21. 123. Letter from the Lord High Treasurer to Mr Taylour, returning the papers all signed. He had filled in the blank for the loans upon the tin with 60,000*l.* He was to wait on Mr Secretary Harley and let him know that 100*l.* was to be paid him out of secret service money. It would be necessary to issue 4,000*l.* for Woodstock. Dated Windsor, 21 June 1705. (*Holograph.*) 1 *page, quarto.*

June 22. 124. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the assessment upon the officers of the Excise for the city of London. Dated June 22, 1705.

Minuted:—"12th July 1705. Ref. to Mr Att. Gen^ll."

Also a list of the officers. 2½ *pages.*

June 22. 125. An affidavit of William Bowyer as to the allowance of a weekly stipend to the journeymen engaged in printing the second vol. of *Rymer's Fœdera,* to prevent a greater number than about a dozen copies over 250 from being printed clandestinely, &c. Sworn 22 June 1705. 1 *page.*

June 23. 126. Memorandum about the Chevalier de Ligondes, prisoner at Lichfield. He was in a consumption, and wanted licence from the Ld High Treasurer to go to France for three months. Dated 23 June 1705.

Minuted:—"26th June 1705. My Lord has rec̃d an acco^t fr̃ ye D. of M. about this gent." 1 *page, quarto.*

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June 23. 127. An application from the Com^rs of the Victualling to Sir Thos Littleton, to move the Ld High Treasurer for 20,000*l.* to carry on their service. Dated 23 June 1705.
Minuted:—"20,000 ordered." 1 *page.*

23 June. 128. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of several of the inhabitants of the city of York, who stated that the parish church of St Olaves was so ruinous that it could not be repaired without pulling down, and the parishioners were unable at their own charge to rebuild it; praying to be allowed to have the stone for that purpose belonging to the dissolved monastery of St Mary, near the same. The report states that the site is in lease to Robert Waller, Esq., or his executors, for 18 years then to come. There were great dilapidations in the monastery, from whence stones might be taken for repair of the church, if the lessee consented. Dated 23 June 1705.
Minuted:—"Granted according to the report."
The petition, a certificate as to the ruinous condition, &c. of the church, with several signatures; also a memorandum of the consent of Robert Waller to the stones being taken. 4 *pages.*

[After June 23.] 129. Memoranda as to payment of the troops of the Elector Palatine between 24 May 1703 and 23 June 1705. ½ *page.*

June 24. 130. "Quarterly certificate of the Keeper [Mr Petyt] of the Records at the Tower, about the work of sorting and digesting records in the White Tower." Dated 24 June 1705. 1 *page.*

June 24. 131. An account of all moneys remitted for the subsistence and pay of her Majesty's forces, acting in conjunction with the allies in the Low Countries and Portugal, from Xmas 1702 to Midsummer 1705, with the rate at which each remittance was agreed to be made. 3 *large pages.*

June 25. 132. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Warren, a prisoner in Newgate, who was fined and imprisoned for great frauds committed at Bow, &c., whilst he was an officer of Excise; advising his discharge. Dated 25 June 1705.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
The petition and a certificate of the minister, churchwardens, and inhabitants of Bow (Middx.) that his wife and family were supported by the parish, and another from Bromley (Middx.) on the same subject. 4¼ *pages.*

June 26. 133. Presentment of the Com^rs for duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the smallness of the salaries of their officers; asking for a remission of the taxes for them. Dated 26 June 1705.
Minuted:—"3 July 1705. My Lord canot advise the Queen to make any more precedents of this kind." 1 *page.*

[?About June 26.] 134. The case of Jeremiah Garrard, secretary to the late Com^rs for sick and wounded.

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Minuted:—"26 June 1705. The acc^ts ought to have been made up yearly. The office is determind, & there is no salary can be due since the office was determined by order of Council, and there can be no consideracõn had of his service till the acco^ts are prepared for declaracõn." 1 *page.*

[June 26.] 135. Petition of the four children of Mr Arthur Powell, deceased, for the continuance of their father's pension of 20*l.* per annum to them. He had been in the royal service as riding purveyor for 40 years.

Minuted:—"Read 26 June 1705." 1 *page.*

[June 26.] 136. Report of Mr William Vanbrugh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mrs Sarah Sell for payment for lodging his late Majesty's chaplain at Kensington; in favour of the same.

Minuted:—"26 June 1705. To be p̃d out of arr[ears] when any come in." "Done." 1 *page.*

June 27. 137. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of several widows for payment of what became due to their deceased husbands in the Royal Hospital near Chelsea. The funds fell short, and there was an arrear of about 1,400*l.* to the pensioners who died in the house, &c. The arrear was mostly due to suttlers near the hospital. Care must be taken that the creditors are satisfied, and the overplus might be applied to the widows. Dated 27 June 1705.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Read 11 July 1705. My Lord can do nothing in this till E. of Ranelagh's acc^ts of the hospital are past." 2 *pages.*

June 28. 138. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Lord High Treasurer on Sir Charles Hara's memorial as to allowance of pay for recruits and for respited off-reckonings. Dated 28 June 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 3^d July 1705. My Lord can do nothing in this matter." 1 *page.*

June 28.. 139. Certificate of the Lord Halifax of the surplus in the receipt of the Exchequer on the 9*s.* per barrel for Excise. Dated Exchequer, 28 June 1705. *Part of a page.*

June 28. 140. Report of the Controllers of the army to the L^d [High Treasurer] on the memorial of widow Bennet, executrix of quartermaster John Bennet, deceased, and of several tradesmen employed by him in repairing the guard houses at Whitehall, Kensington, Somerset House, and the Savoy; advising the payment of the claim. Dated 28 June 1705.

Minuted:—"3 July 1705. The money allow'd by parlt for ye service of ye year 1702 has been all applyd." 1 *page.*

June 29. 141. Letter by command of the Board of Trade to William Lowndes, Esq., sending copy of letter of Lord Cornbury to the Lords Com^rs of Trade, &c., written at the request of the widow of Doctor Bridges,

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late Chief Justice of New York, for payment of her husband's salary; recommending that it should be allowed, as he was bound in justice to recommend to his Lordship's protection the widow of a worthy good man, who during the time her Majesty was pleased to employ him in her service, served her with the utmost zeal and fidelity imaginable. Dated 29 June 1705.

Copy of the first letter. 5 *pages.*

June 29. 142. Letter from the Prize Com^rs to Mr Lowndes, sending an account of the prizes taken from Christmas last, and of the proceedings in relation thereto. Dated Prize Office, 29 June 1705.

The account referred to. 9 *pages.*

June 29. 143. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Richard Stacey, master bricklayer, setting forth the charge of the works done by him; advising the payment of a reasonable part to encourage him to proceed. Dated 29 June 1705.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"3 July 1705. 1,500^l in pt of what is due in the Queen's time." 2 *pages.*

[After June 29.] 144. Copies of documents relating to the claims of Mary Cordwent, relict of Richard Cordwent, clothier, deceased, for clothing marine regiments. The last is dated 29 June 1705. 2 *large pages.*

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July 4. 1. Report of Mr Wm Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of John Yeamans, Esq., certifying that he was well entitled to his salary of 200*l.* per ann. as Lieut.-Governor of Antiego, one of the Leeward Islands. Dated 4 July 1705.

Minuted:—"Prepare a S. M. for a P. S. accordingly."

The petition and copies of certificates in his favour. 4 *pages.*

July 5. 2. Letter by direction of the Com^rs of Trade, &c. to Wm Lowndes, Esq., applying to the Ld High Treasurer for six complete copies of the statutes to be supplied to them, in consequence of two copies being required by Lord Cornbury for New York and New Jersey, and other plantations also needing them. Dated 5 July 1705.

Extract from Lord Cornbury's letter. 2¼ *pages.*

July 5. 3. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Officers of Works touching two bridges on Hounslow Heath over the river which brings water to Hampton Court. Sir Christopher Wren informed him that the Lord Cotting-

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ton, on behalf of the crown, made the cut on Honslow [Hounslow] Heath whereby the water was brought to Hampton Court; and there being market ways on the heath which were interrupted by the cut, the two bridges were made to continue those market ways, and the bridges had ever since been repaired at the charge of the crown. His opinion was the parishes could not be obliged to repair those bridges, but the same having been made by her Majesty's predecessors her Majesty would be pleased to continue to repair them. Dated 5 July 1705.

The memorial referred to.

Minuted:—"12 July 1705. My Lord is satisfied these bridges must be repaired at the Queen's charge, and orders the 24li to be issued for that purpose." 2 *pages.*

July 6. 4. Report of the Controllers of the army on the memorial of Col. John Hill as to the supply of levy money. It was hoped the regiment might be allowed complete, according to the establishment, from the time they were made prisoners in Portugal to the time they were delivered over to the regiment of Stewart, &c.; recommending 1,000*l.* to be issued to them on account. Dated 6 July 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 25th July 1705. Agreed to this report." 2 *pages.*

[About July 6.] 5. Representation and proposal of Joseph Allanson, gent., to Robert Harley, Esq., one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. He had produced to Sir Cloudesley Shovel imitations of public seals, to show how the public were exposed to the contrivances of ill-disposed persons, and asked for a reward as promised in the Gazette of the 15th and 19th of the last March; suggesting the payment of the same by making over to him a debt due from an officer of the Excise. He proposed in three months to produce a contrivance which should prevent all such imitations, for which he asked 3,000 guineas or 2,000 guineas and a pension.

"R. July 6, 1705."

Minuted:—"18 July 1705. He must not expect anything till his project be seen and approved." 1 *page.*

July 7. 6. Copy of Mr Wells's letter abt his taking up Tho. Wood of Little Harruden (Northampton) for selling tobacco as a pedler, and as to the encouragement he had given hawkers to come in and take licences. Dated July 7, 1705. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 7. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Edward Tinte, as to allowance of bounty above that given by her Majesty's declaration to captains of marines, which was no more than that of a common sailor, and which for that reason the petitioner would not accept. If granted it should not be made a precedent. Dated 10 July 1705.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[About July 10.] 8. Petition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies to the Queen, praying her Majesty to

grant a release and pardon of all breaches of the "two million act" since the charter of union, with such exceptions for securing her Majesty's customs and other duties, payable into the Exchequer, as should seem meet to her Majesty's wisdom and goodness.

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer on 10 July 1705, and again referred by him on 11 July to the Com^rs of Customs. 4 *pages.*

[?About July 10.] 9. Petition of Anne Hodges, widow of Serj^t Geo. Hodges, of the Earl of Donegall's regiment, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to an arrear due to her husband.

A letter on the same subject. Dated 10 July 1705.

Minuted:—"21 Aug. To be paid when ye regim^t is payd." 2 *pages.*

July 11. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the several letters and papers from New York relating to the Eagle galley and her lading, seized by Mr Byerley, collector there; advising, upon the representation of the owner, Sir Jeffrey Jeffreys, stay of proceedings, and the delivery up to the persons of the bonds taken after the seizure. Dated 11 July 1705.

Seven other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 25th July 1705. My Lord agrees to ye rep^t & ye Com^rs to send ord^rs to Byerly accordingly." 37¼ *pages.*

[About July 11.] 11. "Dr Woodruff's memorial relating to her Maties scholars, the Greek youths residing in Gloucester Hall in the University of Oxford." The number of Greek youths appointed was to be ten. The estate on which the fund was settled was Dickenson's forfeited estate in Lancashire. Each to have not less than between 30*l.* and 40*l.* per ann. Dr. Woodroffe had been at the charge of them for about six years, and there was an arrear besides what he had received of the royal bounty above 2,000*l.* He owed 600*l.* on account of the duty on salt, and requested the debt might be taken out of the arrears.

Minuted:—"Read 11th July 1705. There can be no deducc̃on out of the salt dutys, but if the Q. has made any promise that any profits arising out of this estate shall be given for this use, my Lord will move her Ma^ty when anything arises therefrom to apply it thereto." ½ *page.*

July 12. 12. Application to the Ld High Treasurer through Mr Lowndes by the Board of Trade for 40 copies of an Act to encourage the trade to Newfoundland. Dated 12 July 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 18th July 1705. Orderd, but Mr Popple to be acq^ted y^t my L^d doth not like these p̃ced^ts." 1 *page, quarto.*

July 12. 13. Certificate that Thomas Savery, Esq., Treasurer for sick and wounded seamen, and his securities had executed their bonds for the performance of his office. Dated 12 July 1705. ½ *page.*

July 12. 14. Memorial of the Duchess of Cleaveland to the Lord High Treasurer, for a warrant to receive the arrears of her annuity of

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4,700*l.* out of the Post Office. Deductions for taxes were made before she received the same.

Minuted:—" Read 12th July 1705. A wt for a year to be satisfyd by 100li a week from the time that the former wt shall be satisfyd." 1 *page, quarto.*

July 14. 15. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Atwood, Esq., Chief Justice of the province of New York, suspended by Lord Cornbury, as to the salary due to him. Dated 14 July 1705.

The petition and four other papers.

Minuted:—" Read 18th July 1705. My Lord can do nothing in this." 9 *pages.*

July 16. 16. Letter of the Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes. They had not been able to do anything in the accounts of Mr Sturt, late cashire of the victualling, as they had been so much engaged on those of Mr Papillon. Dated 16 July 1705.

With a minute to stay process against Mr Sturt, &c. 3 *pages.*

July 17. 17. Duplicate of an indenture between the Surveyor of the Woods, Trent South, and the Purveyor of the Navy at Portsmouth, for windfall timber deliver'd in New Forest by wt dated 6 June 1704. The indenture dated 17 July 1705. 1 *large page.*

[About July 18.] 18. Petition of Edward Ashe to the Lord High Treasurer. He had "seven nephews members of the House of Commons, none of whom except the secretary and his brother ever had any employment in the government, tho' all well affected to it." He was Controller of Customs of Plymouth, which employment was much diminished this war; asks that his condition might be mended.

Minuted:—" Read 18th July 1705. To be laid before ye Q."

Again:—" 27th Augst 1705. The war will not continue alwaies." ½ *page.*

[About July 18.] 19. Petition of William Bawkham, the son of William Bawkham, for himself and the other children of the said William Bawkham, senior; for the continuance of a pension of 10*l.* a year granted to his father, who was dangerously wounded in a skirmish at Gravesend defending the corporation from attempts of the Irish.

Minuted:—" 18th July 1705. My Ld doth not see any reason for continuing this pension." 1 *page.*

[About July 18.] 20. Letter from Wm Killigrewe to William Lowndes, Esq. The Queen gave him 150*l.* the first year of her reign, since which he had been arrested and much in debt. The Queen commanded him last year that whenever he had a favour to beg, that he should go to the Ld Treasurer in her Majesty's name, for she left him to his Lp and designed to provide for him and his daughter. He despaired of employments or projects to make him easy. His last refuge was in his Lordship obtaining him 300*l.*, that he might retire to the Isle of Man or the furthest end of England and never ask more, but trust to providence for his poor child. He said nothing of merit, but he

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had a just claim from the crown. He expected a charitable answer from his Lordship for a poor relation.

Minuted:—"Read 18th July 1705. To be laid before ye Q. & propose 100li." 1 *page*.

July 20. 21. Memorial of John Newman to the Lord High Treasurer, drawing attention to the frauds in the Excise. He knew the corruption among the officers, and that there were then some equally guilty with those who were turned out, and it was remarkable that there were not officers to succeed those turned out. Complains of the opposition of the comrs to him. Some of them would rather the corruption should continue, than that he should have any hand in advancing "these small branches, as humbly proposed;" asks his Lp to let him know what he had to trust to for his great expenses in this affair. Through him Mr Woodcock was employed and the duty advanced 1,304*l*. Dated 20 July 1705. 1 *page*.

July 21. 22. Letter signed "Ro. Harley" to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing an extract of a letter written by direction of the Lords Justices of Ireland, concerning the pay of the Lord Cutts as Lieut.-General there, in the room of Lieut.-Genl Erle. Dated 21 July 1705.

The extract referred to.

Minuted:—"To be laid wth ye Queen's papers." 2 *pages, quarto*.

July 23. 23. Report of the Lord Halifax to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Clayton, for services in preparing interest account of what interest money was received at the Exchequer by Edward, Earl of Orford, late treasurer of the navy, and Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, late paymaster of the army. Mr Clayton had been employed two years, and had delivered to the auditors of imprest nine accounts of the Earl of Orford, and 11 accounts of the Earl of Ranelagh; recommending that he should be allowed 200*l*. Dated 23 July 1705.

The petition.

Minuted:—"25 July 1705. Agreed." 2 *pages*.

July 24. 24. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, sending copies of two letters from riding officers on the coast of Kent, chiefly employed to hinder the transport of wool to France, giving an account of a French shallop which landed some men who shot Mr Darrington and other officers, horses, &c. Dated 24 July 1705.

The two letters.

Minuted:—"25th July 1705. Send copys of this to ye the Secrys of State." 3 *pages*.

July 24. 25. Memorial of Mr Chas Fox to the Lord High Treasurer, as to what was due to the King of Prussia on account of her Majesty's proportion of the pay of the 8,000 men sent to the assistance of the Duke of Savoy. Dated 24 July 1705.

Minuted:—"Order'd 31th July, out of contribucon money." 1 *page, quarto*.

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1705. [About July 25.] 26. Two petitions of Mary Sayer, widow and relict of John Sayer, Esq., deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer: (1.) saying she held under lease the demesne of the manor of Barkhamsted (co. Hertf.), parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, of which there were 21 years to come. Her husband rebuilt the mansion house, which was burnt down not long before it was purchased of the Earl of Portland; prays an extension to 31 years.

Minuted:—"25th July 1705. Ref. to Mr Surveyor."

(2.) Referring to the last petition. The Surveyor Genl had reported that the additional term might be valued at 500*l.* fine; petitioner's husband had laid out 2,000*l.* on rebuilding the mansion, and petitioner had laid out a considerable sum more on the house, and upwards of 300*l.* in new building two water grist mills; besides charges at law in defending her Majesty's title; asking an abatement of the fine.

Minuted:—"24 7br 1705. To have this lease on paymt of 400*li.*" 2 *pages.*

[About July 25.] 27. Petition of Rachel Bennet, executrix of John Bennet, late quartermaster to her Majesty's first regiment of guards, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of 227*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*, due to her husband for repairs at Whitehall, Kennington, Hampton Court, and the Savoy.

Minuted:—"Read 25th July 1705. My Lord ref. himself to his former answer." 1 *page.*

July 28. 28. Report of the late Comrs for sick and wounded seamen to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the president, treasurer, and governors of St Thomas' Hospital. They (the Comrs) had always taken it for granted that the sending of sick and wounded seamen to St Thomas' and St Bartholomew's hospitals was only to ease the government of charge, as the words signified in their (the Comrs) instructions; nor did they ever hear of such allowances demanded, much less ever given, to either of the hospitals, except the physicians and chirurgeons for their extraordinary pains in former wars. By the petitioner's calculation of the number of men and days, each man must have been about three months in their house, to make such a vast number of days as 330,843, for which they reckoned 4*d.* a day for diet, amounting to 5,514*l.* 1*s.*; and for physicians, chirurgeons, apothecaries, medicines, &c., at 8*d.* a day, 11,028*l.* 2*s.*, which last sum was but 9,646*l.* 2*s.* more than the 1,382*l.* allowed by them (the Comrs) to the physicians, &c., for their extraordinary pains, of which they (the Comrs) were witnesses. This last sum was the same as allowed the chirurgeons at other ports, viz., 6*s.* 8*d.* a head. As soon as they had heard of the difference between the governors of St Thomas and their physicians and chirurgeons, they stopped the last warrant until they should be agreed. They had laid their accounts both of St Bartholomew's and St Thomas's hospitals before the Comrs for accounts, together with their proceedings in this affair. Dated 28 July 1705.

The petition and three other documents. 6½ *pages.*

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July 28. 29. Report of the Com^rs sick and wounded seamen, &c., on the petition of Edward St Leger, a surgeon at Deal, showing the reasons he had not been paid his salary. Dated 28 July 1705.

The petition, a report on the same of 11 July, and a letter of Mr Lowndes. 4 *pages, quarto.*

July 31. 30. Petition of Nathaniel Booth, Esq., Surveyor of her Majesty's Green Wax, to the Lord High Treasurer, applying to have a controller of all fines, issues, and amercements appointed, with power to constitute fit persons to be present in all Courts of Record to take accounts of fines imposed. As it was formerly incident to his office, he asked for the appointment, and that the consideration thereof might be referred to the Barons of the Exchequer as to the necessity of the office and the salary.

Minuted:—"31th July 1705. A year out of the Civill List to be now pd., but he must never expect any more out of Civil List money." 1 *page.*

July 31. 31. Memorial of the Com^rs for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, with an extract of a letter from Ellis Terrill, Esq., agent for prizes at Lisbon, concerning guns, ball, and shot, to the value of 11,146 mills, 256 rees, delivered for the use of the King of Portugal out of a Spanish galleon prize, called the *Lady of Porta Cœli,* which sums he could not recover. The Com^rs pray that they might be deducted from the monthly payments made to his Majesty, or paid some other way. "31 July 1705, rec^d."

Minuted:—"8 Aug. 1705. To Mr Bridges to deduct this out of ye subsidy, and to write to Mr Morris to give notice of it in Portugal." 2 *pages.*

[About July 31.] 32. A very brief petition, this being the whole of it:—"My Lord, pray remember me, Philip Howard."

Minuted:—"100li bounty out of sec. ser. 31 July 1705." P^d 2^d Aug^st 1705. 2 *lines.*

[? About July 31.] 33. Petition of Henry Cartwright to the Lord High Treasurer. He had officiated as deputy to the Paymaster General, and the Hon. Mr Bridges had offered that appointment to him, but he could not accept it without his Lordship's permission, being secretary to the Controller of the accounts of the army. If he might take the appointment, he offered a person to succeed in the secretaryship, who would resign when he required the office again.

Minuted:—"31 July 1705. My Lord has nothing to object against Mr Brydges imploying Mr Cartwright, but he cannot properly execute both imployments, and therefore some other person must be appointed sec^ry to ye compt^rs." 1 *page.*

[? About July 31.] 34. Petition of the officers of the three regiments lately gone to Portugal or elsewhere, to the Lords Justices of Ireland, asking for months pay due to them.

Referred to Henry St John, Esq., Secretary at War. 1 *page.*

July. 35. Memorial of Mr Wm Hewer, treasurer for the late garrison of Tangier, and executor to the late Samuel Pepys, Esq., his prede-

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cessor, for a warrant to stay process issuing against him, &c., in connection with the accounts of his treasurership. Dated July 1705.

Certificate relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 1. 36. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petitions of Elizabeth Muratt, *alias* Cambolive (one to her Majesty and the other to his Lordship), on the petition of Mark Bartholomew presented to her Majesty, on the memorial of Peter Wentworth, Esq., presented to his Lp, and on other papers. He found that the petitioner Muratt was the only sister of Stephen Cambolive, deceased, who died intestate, possessed of several Exchequer orders upon annuities, &c., worth about 600*l.* Anthony Bieisse, a creditor, obtained letters of administration and received 105*l.* Since the arrival of the said Elizabeth that administration had been repealed, and administration had been decreed to her as sister of the deceased. Bartholomew opposed and litigated the same with the view of getting it granted to himself. The report confirms the claim of the petitioner Elizabeth Murat to this property of her brother, against the other claimants, and advises that she should be set at liberty, being then in prison. She was born of Protestant parents, and her profession of the Roman Catholic religion was the effect of force, and since her coming from France she had acknowledged her fault and made a new profession of the Protestant religion; and if that were not so, and she were still a papist, yet being now a subject, she would be entitled to her brother's personal estate, which happened to consist of such interests as by the Acts of Parliament aliens as well as natives were encouraged and allowed to purchase. Dated 1 Aug. 1705.

The petitions mentioned, and several other documents, one of which is a certificate of the ministers, elders, and members of several French Protestant churches in London.

Minuted:—"27th Augst 1705. Stephen Cambolive's estate to go to his sister according to Mr. Borret's report." 18 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 3. 37. "Remittances of Sir Hen. Furnese to Clifford & Compa." 1¼ *pages.*

Aug. 4. 38. Representation of the Duke of Somerset to the Lord High Treasurer, of the injury about to arise to his garden, called Northumberland House garden, by the officers of works constructing buildings in Scotland Yard of a greater height than they had hitherto been. His trees were already much damnified, and would be much injured if not entirely destroyed. Dated 4 Aug. 1705. Signed "Somerset."

Minuted:—"Read 8th Aug. 1705. Send this to ye offrs of the works & a direcc̃on to them not to proceed in the buildgs till their rept is returnd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 39. Letter from Sir Tho. Frankland, with a copy of her Majesty's warrant for allowing Sir W. Russell his pay as captain of a troop in Ld Arran's regt upon his surrender of that commission. Dated 4 Aug. 1705.

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Minuted:—"Read 8th Aug. 1705. My Lord thinkes this should stay till my Ld D. of Marlbos return." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 4. 40. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Ld High Treasurer. He had contracted for the sale of the equity of redemption of the bankers' annuities belonging to Mr Richard Taylor, late paymaster of the million lottery tickets; asking for directions to be given for a privy seal to convey the same. Dated 4 Aug. 1705.

Minuted:—"9th Aug. 1705. A pr. seal accordingly. Done." ¾ *page.*

Aug. 9. 41. Memorial of her Majesty's Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, advising the grant of a warrant for a privy seal to convey to Richard Nelthorpe, Esq., part of the estate of Mr Briggs, in Lincolnshire; the consideration money having been paid into the Exchequer, in discharge of Briggs' debt as Receiver of Norfolk. Dated 9 Aug. 1705. 1 *page.*

Aug. 9. 42. Memorial of John Clifton to the Ld High Treasurer. He had studied the advancement of the Stamp Office to the value of 5 or 6,000*l.* per ann. without oppression to any person; asks for an interview.

Minuted:—"Lett him putt his methods for advancing the stamp dutys into writing signed by himself; that they may be considerid before my Lord wilbe engaged by any promise. 9 Aug. 1705." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 9.] 43. Memorial of the Clothiers of her Majesty's forces in Portugal and Holland; renewing their application for payment of the off-reckonings of the forces in Portugal and Holland.

Minuted:—"9 Aug. 1705. To be pd as soon as the muster rolls are returnd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 44. Report of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer on the following documents, viz., the petition of John Lamb, Nicholas Onely, Doctors in Divinity, and Lionel Cole, clerk, three of the perpetual chaplains of the late dissolved hospital of the Savoy; the petition of the ministers, chapel wardens and porter of the Savoy; the account therein contained, which is allowed by Mr Burton, Recr of the revenues of that hospital, by his report enclosed; the memorial of Mr Needham, "Register" of the hospital, and his account therein; the report of Mr Burton thereon made to his Lordship, and Mr Needham's answer to that report. He was of opinion Mr Needham was not chargeable with more than he charged himself in his account. The moneys claimed by the ministers, &c. for annual allowances were only claimed to July 1702, when the hospital was dissolved. It would be a great justice to pay these arrears. Dated 10 Aug. 1705.

The documents referred to, and one or two others.

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1705. Warrt to Mr Burton to pay this arrear till ye dissolution." 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 11. 45. A letter from Mr Francis Brydges for leave of absence, and a reply from Mr Lowndes, by direction of the Ld Treasurer, granting the same for two months. Dated 11 Aug. 1705. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 46. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Ld [High Treasurer], on the memorial of the Lord Paston, as to taking off the respits of that regiment. The case of Lord Paston's regiment was the case of most of the regiments that had done duty at Portsmouth, where great mortality frequently happened, and in apprehension thereof, many of the soldiers deserted. So that the charge of supplying such deaths and desertions, together with the amercements of 2*d.* a day until new men were mustered, lay very heavy on the officers, and much diminished their personal pay. Dated Aug. 14, 1705.

There are three minutes on the back. The last is on 21 Apr. 1706, putting off the consideration of the report. 1 *page and* 4 *lines.*

Aug. 14. 47. Letter from the Comrs for Prizes, desiring that a letter received from the Agent for Prizes at Newfoundland might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer, for if the Agent for Prizes were debarred from the liberty to trade, they could not procure a person of reputation to go there at the present allowance to foreign agents. Dated 14 Aug. 1705.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 48. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sir Robert Harrison, Knt, Recr General for the county of Oxford of aids and other taxes; advising the allowance to him of various charges for conveying the money by barge, and for paying it into the Exchequer. Dated 14 Aug. 1705.

The petition, "the case," and an account of the disbursements. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 49. Letter of Jo. Methuen to Mr Lowndes. The necessity of the service forced him to act without orders in matters of the greatest importance, especially in relation to money. The nature of many of the articles in his account did not admit of vouchers. For the most considerable sums he had vouchers which would satisfy the Lord High Treasurer, but not regular enough for the Exchequer. For expedition in putting the place in some condition, and with less expense than it could be done from England, Lord Galway had engaged him to pay for all materials there, and to send money in specie for the works to Gibraltar. Dated Lisbon, Aug. 26, N.S., 1705, *i.e.* 15 Aug. 1¼ *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 16. 50. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the disposal of tallies in that office. Dated 16 Aug. 1705.

Minuted:—"23th Aug. 1705. My Lord agrees the tallys may be disposed of at par." 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 51. Petition from John Newman to the Ld High Treasurer, for a suitable reward for his services in connection with Excise affairs.

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The Excise Office made it a mere banter. The officers knew the Com^rs minds. They reported that the conference at Mr Lowndes' in August last, the examination before the Com^rs in November last, and the hearing before his Lordship in June last, would blow over, and they should weather these points. Some of them said they would venture to cut their throats whenever the petitioner was concerned in the Excise. Dated 17 Aug. 1705.

Minuted:—"27 Aug^st 1705. To Comm^rs Excise to consider what he may deserve for the discovery he pretends to, and to report." 1 *page*.

Aug. 17. 52. Certificate from Anthony Anderson, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the arrear of salary due to Nathaniel Boothe, Esq., surveyor of the green wax in the Court of Exchequer. Dated Pipe Office, 17 Aug. 1705. ½ *page*.

Aug. 20. 53. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to certain flax seized on board a French prize taken by the Zealanders. They saw no reason why the proprietor of the goods should not by licence of the Court of Exchequer compound for the same. Dated 20 Aug. 1705.

Four other documents connected therewith. By the minute his Lordship agrees to the composition. 7 *pages*.

Aug. 20. 54. The Earl of Ranelagh's state of the reversionary annuities which remained in his hands, and of the debentures returned to him. Dated 20 Aug. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Aug. 1705. The E. of Ranelagh to satisfy the money due to the dead penc̃oners of Chelsea Hospitall (computed by him to amount to about 1,400^li), out of the remaines in his hands, as by this rep^t; but first write to his Lord^p for an acco^t of the applicac̃on of abo^t 22,000^li in deb^rs, given by parlt for discharging arr^s to the penc̃oners of the said hosp^l, and also of the persons' names & sums to whom the said sum of about 1,400^li is intended to be now paid."

With this is also:—"An accompt of the debentures payable out of the forfeited estates in Ireland, received by the Earl of Ranelagh from the Commiss^rs of the army accompts, for the amount of one day's pay in a year, deducted by the said Commiss^rs, for the use of the Royal Hospitall near Chelsea, from the several regiments, &c." 5 *pages*.

Aug. 21. 55. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the settling an agent at Newfoundland at a certain allowance, and not to be permitted to trade; advising that he should have 100*l*. per ann. and three per cent. instead of five (the former allowance), upon the whole produce to be allowed by the captors. Dated 21 Aug. 1705.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs are to present an agent forthw^th." 1 *page*.

[? About Aug. 21.] 56. Petition of Charles Aldworth, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that no further proceedings should take place against

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the heirs and executors of his late father, who was Auditor of the Post Office, for the recovery of 250*l.* upon suggestion that his father had not done his duty. [This is a second petition in the same terms as No. 101 of Vol. XCIV.]

Copy of warrant and a letter relating thereto.

Referred to the Post Master Genl 21 Aug. 1705. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 21.] 57. Memorial from Mr William Palmes to the Ld High Treasurer. He had adjusted the matter with Mr Stephens and hoped his Lp would grant a warrant to the Surveyor General to make out a particular of Cookham and Bray, &c., in order to a lease.

Minuted :—" 21th Aug. 1705. To be laid before ye Queen."

Again :—" 27th Augt 1705. The Queen doth not think his petn proper, but if he can discover any thing else that is proper the Queen will be willing to gratifye him." ½ *page.*

Aug. 24. 58. Abstract of respits upon the musters from 25 June to 24 Aug. 1705. Signed "J. Howe." 1 *page.*

Aug. 24. 59. Questions and replies as to revenue from sea coals, lottery tickets, &c. Dated 24 Aug. 1705. 1 *page.*

Aug. 24. 60. Letter signed "Martin Lluellyn to the Lord High Treasurer, accompanying an account of horses delivered to the Honble Major Genl Harvy's regiment, and to the Rt Hon. Ld Raby's regiment, by the Commissary General of the King of Portugal. Dated Lisbon, Aug. 24, 1705. 2 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 27.] 61. Petition of William Mann, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, for an order for payment of a debt due to his father from Wm Hunt, late of Sharrington in the co. of Norfolk, Esq., deceased, the said Hunt having some claim on the estate of Michael Wicks, late receiver of plantation duties, out of which it might be paid.

Schedule of the debts paid by the father.

Minuted :—" 27th Augst 1705. My Lord doth not know that any thing would come to Hunt if he were living." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 27. 62. Letter from Mr Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer, asking him to consider his case and give it his support. Dated Windsor, 27 Aug. 1705.

Enclosing "an abstract of the course of the West India packets, with the time each of them spent in their respective voyages, and which of them hath been taken by the enemy." Another letter from him, and copy of an order in Council accompanying it in relation to his salary for providing packet boats for the West Indies. The last is *minuted* :—" 27 Augst 1705. My Lord will speak with the Commrs of the Navy." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 28. 63. "An account of prizes taken by her Majesty's ships since the 29th June last to the 2d of August 1705, with the proceedings thereon."

Signed "H Burnaby, Prize Office, Augt 28th 1705." 1 *large page.*

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Sept. 1. 64. A general abstract of the accounts of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland, stated in the Accountant General's office, for the year ended at Christmas 1704, certified 1 Sept. 1705, and signed "W. Burgh, Accompt Genl." 2 *large pages.*

Sept. 6. 65. Letter from William Thomas to William Lounds, Esq., in favour of Mr Merrick, who was seeking the place of "customer" of Southampton, reminding him of his promise to Lord Bergavenny to do something for him. Dated Sept. 6, [1705.]

Minuted:—"12 7br 1705. My Lord saies he promised him the next riding survrs place, & intends to be as good as his word."

Letter of Mr Merrick thereon. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 6. 66. Letter from the Comrs for Trade with complaints against Mr Corbet, Collr of Bridge Town, in Barbadoes. Dated 6 Sept. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 12th Sepr 1705. Corbet is removed already."

Also extracts from minutes of Council at Barbadoes thereon. 7 *pages.*

Sept. 8. 67. Letter from Mr E. Pauncefort to John Taylour, Esq., at the Treasury Office, as to remittances to Mr Sweet. He begins, "I recd the favour of yours on Thursday, but you know there's no opportunity of reply from this place till Satterdays." Dated Bath, Sept. 8, 1705. 1¼ *pages.*

[? Sept. 11.] 68. Letter from Mr A. Cardonnel to Mr Taylour. "His grace" had directed that Mr Sweet should not make a demand of 2½ per cent. out of money payable to the King of Prussia, for his 8,000 men in Italy, and the money had been paid without deduction. Dated "Camp at Arschot," 22 Sept. 1705. [? N.S.]

Extract from another letter relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 13.] 69. Petition of John Merring of Barbadoes to the Ld High Treasurer. He had been cleared from the false accusations by which he had lost his place, and represented as qualified for employment on the duty of 4½ per cent. at Barbadoes; prays to be appointed receiver of that duty, the office being vacant by the suspension of Mr Corlet. Read 13 7br 1705.

Three minutes on the back, the last is, "This to be consider'd when C. Cust. attend." 1 *page.*

Sept. 13. 70. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the memorial of Captain Loyd as to his demands for disbursements for provisions furnished to the gunners at Newfoundland. Dated 13 Sept. 1705. 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 13.] 71. Petition of Sir Charles Hobby, Knt, to the Queen. A ship had been fitted out by him which was sent by the Governor of [New England] in August 1703 to clear the coast of French privateers. Soon after the vessel sailed from Boston (the captain, Daniel Plowman, dying), one Quelch, the lieut., and the vessel's crew ran away with her, and turned pirates, committed divers robberies on Portuguese ships, and in May following came again to Boston, where one

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Mr Coleman, agent for his Royal Highness, discovering, by several marks upon the goods "the said Quelch and crew had bin a pyrating," acquainted the Governor therewith; upon which the vessel and effects, consisting of gold dust and other gold, amounting to about 2,000*l.*, were seized, and Quelch and several of the crew tried, condemned, and executed; praying to have the gold dust &c., bestowed on him.

Minuted:—"13 7br 1705. These effects are already orderd to be sent to England, and to be applyed to the publique use as they ought to be." 1¼ *pages.*

Sept. 18. 72. Copy of a letter from Mr Jo. Taylour to Sir Lambert Blackwell, asking him to give his assistance to the Lord High Treasurer, by writing to the merchants at Leghorn or Genoa to ask them to furnish to the Earl of Peterborough, or the commander in-chief of the forces for the time being, or to Mr Henry Vincent (deputy to John Howe, Esq., paymaster), the money necessary for the forces in the expedition to Spain. Dated Whitehall Treasury Chambers, 18 Sept. 1705.

Copy of a letter written in consequence thereof to Messrs Western, Lambert, & Co., authorising them to advance up to 20,000 dollars. 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 18. 73. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. When last in Ireland he looked into the state of the ordnance, and found the marching train much out of order. There were but few guns mounted, and even the carriages of these were decayed. He gave directions for the new mounting of part of the train in Dublin, and sent for several brass ordnance that lay unmounted in remoter garrisons. These and other works amounted to 2,061*l.* 3*s.* 6¾*d.*; proposes methods of payment. Dated Whitehall, 18 Sept. 1705.

Detailed accounts of the cost of the same.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Sepr 1705. Prepare wt accordingly." 6 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 74. Letter of the Agents for Taxes to William Lowndes, Esqre, in favour of the appointment of Mr Thomas Wood as Surveyor of duties on houses and marriages, &c., in the county of Bedford, on the decease of Mr William Durham. Dated 18 Sept. 1705.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Sept. 22. 75. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the charge of holding the last session of parliament in Ireland. It was much increased by the particular addresses of the Houses of Lords and Commons in behalf of their clerks and servants. Dated Whitehall, 22 Sept. 1705.

Another paper containing the items.

There is a minute for the preparation of a warrant. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 24. 76. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Henry Chubb as to an allow-

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ance to him out of a fine for passing the lease of tenements in the manor of Bucklawren, parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, &c. Dated 24 Sepr 1705.

The petition and copy of another report on the same subject.

Minuted:—" 27 Nov. 1705. Agreed." 5 *pages.*

Sept. 26. 77. Letter of the Com^rs of Victualling to Sir Thomas Littleton, applying for issue of money. Dated 26 Sept. 1705.

Minuted;—" 10 Oct. 1705. Ord^d 11,000 for bills Excha. &c." 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 78. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, giving his account of the building in Scotland Yard, in answer to the Duke of Somerset's complaint against it. [See Vol. XCV., No. 38, 4 Aug. 1705.] Asks that some indifferent person might view and report on the premises. Dated 28 Sept. 1705. 2 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 29.] 79. Petition of Henry Whitbread, late Receiver Genl of Taxes for the county of Bedford, to the Lord High Treasurer, for allowance of his extraordinary charges in bringing up the taxes to the Exchequer 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 29.] 80. An account of the charge of sick and well prisoners at war in Midsummer and Michaelmas quarters, 1705. Showing also where they were confined.

"*Note*:—There were above 3,000 prisoners in these two quarters." 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 81. "Mr Petyt's report of what is done relating to ye sorting and digesting the records in Cæsar's chappel." Mr Holmes and the three other clerks had collected, cleansed, reduced into alphabet, and calendared great numbers of depositions, &c. in Chancery, which before lay dispersed in confused heaps within the chapel in the White Tower, and also affixed parchment labels to each bundle for the more ready recourse thereto. Dated 29 Sept. 1705. 1 *page, quarto*

[? About Sept. 29.] 82. William Wenman's account to his grace John, Duke of Newcastle, Lord Warden of the forest of Sherwood, of the moneys received by him of Thomas Hewet, Esq., Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods, Trent North, to be distributed to and amongst the keepers and their deputies, and for hay and pasture ground for the Queen's deer in the forest of Sherwood for two years ending at Michaelmas, 1705.

Also his account of disbursements by order of his grace the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Warden, during the same time.

Further, an account of stags killed in the forest in July, August, and September in the year 1705. 6 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 29.] 83. Extract from an account relating to the "neat money" arising for the Queen's civil list, between Michaelmas 1704 and Michaelmas 1705. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 84. Debt of the Office of her Majesty's Ordnance for stores delivered and services performed to the 30th of September 1705. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 30. 85. An account of money paid by the Office of Ordnance for stores delivered and services performed between 30 June 1704 and 30 June 1705, and between 30 June 1705 and 30 Sept. following. ½ *page.*

Oct. 2. 86. Letter from the Agents for Taxes to Mr Lowndes, asking him to move the Ld High Treasurer for a warrant for an additional salary of 10*l.* per ann. to Mr Charles Pembrudge [? surveyor] for Bristol. Dated 2 Oct. 1705. 1 *page.*

Oct. 3. 87. Account of the issues which had been made to the Treasurer of the Navy out of the public funds for the years 1702, 1703, 1704, and 1705, and other revenues in aid of the said funds, made up and stated to Michaelmas 1705. Dated 3 Oct. 1705. 1 *large page.*

Oct. 5. 88. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Ld High Treasurer on a proposal of Mr John Williams for disposing of her Majesty's tin speedily and profitably. The East India merchants were all of opinion, contrary to what was alleged in the proposal, that great quantity of tin might be had in the East Indies fit for use, and if the price of it were raised considerably here, it might be an encouragement to the Dutch to import more. They (the officers) were of opinion that it would lessen the consumption of pewter at home, and might alter the course of trade. Dated 5 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"31th Oct. 1705. My Lord agrees wth the report & dismisses the proposal." 1 *page.*

Oct. 5. 89. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on an information as to shipments of tobacco to Dieppe. Tho' the exportation in law entitled the merchants to their debentures, yet how far a trading with France in time of war might be construed (as far as any Englishman was concerned in it) a correspondence with her Majesty's enemies (and thereby incurring the penalty of the law), was humbly submitted as a matter of state to be prosecuted elsewhere. Dated 5 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 31th Oct. 1705. Ref. to Mr Atturny Genll." 1 *page.*

Oct. 5. 90. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Lord High Treasurer, on a petition of Captain Wildman, one of Major General Stewart's regiment, for 700li arrears for himself, company, &c. Dated 5 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"14th Novr 1705. My Lord can give no direccons in this." 1 *page.*

Oct. 6. 91. Letter from Mr John Taylor to [?] in reply to a letter from Mr Baker signifying that the Ld High Treasurer would order him to be prosecuted if he did not forthwith make up Lord Faulkland's accounts when Treasurer of the Navy; showing the unreasonableness of his being called on to do so. Mr Coupland had succeeded him. Dated Bifrons, 6 Oct. 1705.

Also a copy of a letter to Lady Falkland on the same matter.

Minuted:—"12 Oct. 1705. Send to Mr Coupland to come here on Tuesday morning." 3 *pages, quarto.*

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Oct. [? 11 or 12.] 92. Letter from Lord Ranelagh [? to Mr Lowndes], relating as well to the application he had made of the debentures issued to him for one day's pay, due to the Royal Hospital, as to a list of the persons, names and sums to whom about 1,400*l.* was to be paid in satisfaction of the money due to the dead pensioners of Chelsea Hospital. Dated "11" Oct. 1705.

Also "a list of the reversionary orders and returned debentures." 2 *pages* (1 *quarto.*)

Oct. 12. 93. Copy of "Rules for the Office of the Works." Given by her Majesty's command. 12 Oct. 1705.

Also some alterations and additions proposed to be made to the same. 12 *pages.*

Oct. 12. 94. Letter by direction of the Prize Office to Mr Lowndes, sending the Comrs' presentment of Christopher Crow, Esq., as agent for prizes at Leghorn, to be laid before the Ld High Treasurer. Dated 12 Oct. 1705.

The presentment referred to. 2 *pages,* (1 *quarto.*)

[About Oct. 12.] 95. A state of the arrears of the money allowed by parliament to the office of her Majtys Ordnance for sea and land service for the years 1702, 1703, 1704, and 1705. Read 12th Oct. 1705. 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 96. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Cardy, clothier, as to the off-reckonings of Lord Jedborough's regiment. They considered the price charged for clothing the regiment was very extravagant, &c. Dated Oct. 12, 1705.

Minuted:—"14th Novr 1705. My Lord is of the same opinion wth the Comptrs in this report." 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 12. 97. Report of the same to the same, on the petitions of Walter and William Sydenham, brothers and administrators of Lieut. George Sydenham and other officers in the four West India regiments, whose accounts were lately stated in Ireland. Dated 12 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"14th Novr 1705. Respited till the Comptrs Genll Report about the 4 West Inda Regts is brought in." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 98. Letter left without signature and unaddressed as to the state of the revenue of New York whilst Mr Bierly was Receiver General, and as to the prize money found in the hands of the Provost Marshal, who was ordered by Sir Bevill Granvile to be prosecuted for the same. There was enclosed a report to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the office of receiver general of her Majesty's revenues in Virginia.

A postscript states that Mr Lillingston, late one of the council of Barbadoes, having been there fined 2,000*l.* for raising sedition, had paid the same, but appealed. Dated 15 Oct. 1705. 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 15.] 99. Petition of John Wall, commander of the Norton galley from Gibraltar. H.M. ship "Swift," galley, came from Altea Bay with an express from the Earl of Peterborough and Sir Cloudesly Shovell,

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and had orders to sail directly for England, but was forced into Gibraltar; and Brigadier Shrimpton the governor, having another express to send to the fleet, and there being no other ship but the man-of-war to take it, at the earnest request of the governor the petitioner brought this express to England; prays a gratuity.

Referred to the Ld High Treasurer, 15 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Janry 1705–6. Give him 10li out of secret service." 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 100. Memorial of John Chamberlayne to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for payment of the incidental expenses attending the meetings of the Governors of the Queen's Bounty, to whom he was appointed secretary, as well as for his salary.

Minuted:—"16th Oct. 1705. My Lord will speak wth Mr Attorny abt this at his next attendance. 17th Do. My Lord will issue to the Treãr 500li for the incidl charges of the corporacõn." 2 *pages, 4to.*

Oct. 17. 101. "An account of what Leidgers are compleated by the Navy Board for the treasurership of the Rt Honble Anthony, late Ld Viscount Falkland."

"Read 17 Oct. 1705." 1 *page.*

Oct. 18. 102. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, advising that any reward to Mr Holbech for his "discoveries in Devonshire" should be suspended till after "the hearing." Dated Oct. 18, 1705. 1 *page.*

Minuted:—"Agreed."

[? About Oct. 19.] 103. Petition of Jeronimo Bestoso to the Ld High Treasurer. At the time of the expedition to Vigo, as he came from Genoa, to go to Lisbon, he was taken by the English fleet and detained with his ship on the Spanish coast, and the ship was used for a bridge of boats for the descent of the English forces under the Duke of Ormonde. The petitioner served as a pilot to his grace into Port St Maries. He lost the ship and 1,000 pieces of eight, being the value of the goods on board. A prize ship was bestowed on him, but he knew not how to make use of it for want of rigging, &c. He was imprisoned for debt and assigned the ship; asks to be considered.

Minuted:—"19 Oct. 1705. The ship given him was worth more than he could justly pretend to." 1 *page.*

Oct. 19. 104. Report of William Blathwaite, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Anthony Hodges, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor of Montserrat, one of the Leeward Islands, in favour of his receiving his salary of 200*l.* per ann., as was allowed to the other lieutenant-governors of those islands, out of the duty of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Dated 19 Oct. 1705.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 105. Report of A. Maynwaring and Edward Harley, Esqres, auditors of imprests, to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial of Henry Coltman, clerk to the paymaster of the million lottery

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tickets, as to claims for fees paid by Mr Richard Taylor, late paymaster of the million lottery tickets, before he failed, and for passing his accounts. Dated 19 Oct. 1705.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"Upon this. A wt to ye audr to allow the fees paid by Mr Taylor. A wt to ye Comptre to pay over Taylor's cash secured by him to ye present paymr. A wt to ye paymar to pay Coltman the fees to be paid him."

Also a schedule of the fees. 4 *pages*.

[? About Oct. 19.] 106. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. Tho. King to the Ld High Treasurer. His commission of Lieut.-Coll bore date December 30, 1688. By his Lordship's favour he was introduced to the Duke of Marlborough in the Treasury chamber, and vindicated himself as to the "tack;" asks that this memorial might be transmitted to his grace to remind him of his promise of a brevet of equal date with Col. Primrose.

"Read 19 Oct. 1705." 1 *page, quarto*.

Oct. 20. 107. A communication, unaddressed, of the Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Prussia. He was well pleased to learn that, with the view of paying the arrears due to the King for the last war, the Queen designed in her speech, at the opening of the new parliament, to recommend the same, and to confirm the obligation of the treaty made with the Duke of Marlborough, touching the subsidy for a year of the 8,000 men in Italy; and further with the declaration of the King to agree to the demand made by the Queen, for the prolongation of the stay of the troops in Italy for the next year, in place of their recall, which the King had resolved on, &c. Dated London, 20 Oct. 1705. (*French.*)

Memorandum of the subsidies of the past war, due by the Crown of England to the King of Prussia, &c. (*French.*)

State of the subsidies due to the allies on acct of the last war.

Another brief letter from the same ambassador in relation to the same arrears. Dated 22 Oct. 1705. (*French.*) 5½ *pages*, (1 *quarto*.)

Oct. 22. 108. An estimate of the debt of her Majesty's navy on the heads hereafter mentioned as it stood on the 30 September 1705. Dated 22 Oct. 1705. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 3 and Oct. 24. 109. Two accounts of sales of guns, gold, silver, &c. imported by Captain John Quelch and company, who were convicted of felony and piracy, which goods came to the hands of the Comrs appointed by the Governor of New England. Dated 3 Jan. 1704 and 24 Oct. 1705.

Also a receipt given by the captain and lieut. of her Majesty's ship Guernsey to the Comrs on the delivery of a box of gold seized from the said Quelch. 3 *pages*.

Oct. 24. 110. Cofferers' memorial to the Ld High Treasurer for 10,000*l.* by way of imprest. Dated 24 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"4,000li orderd 31 Oct. 1705.
6,000 8 Nov." ½ *page*.

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Oct. 25. 111. Memorial of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for the issue of 200*l.* to defray the charge of an enquiry into supposed frauds and abuses in Devonshire. Dated 25 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—" 31 Oct. 1705. Lr̃es pat. d^t for charges of this prosecution w^th^out account." 1 *page.*

Oct. 26. 112. Letter of the Com^rs for Trade to the Ld High Treasurer for payment of their incidental charges. Dated Whitehall, 26 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—" Read 4th Jan^ry 1705. Prepare a w^t if it doe not exceed what is usuall." 1 *page.*

Oct. 26. 113. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on Mr William Tyndal's proposals for advancing the revenue in relation to tin; they had discoursed with him and suggested difficulties, which he admitted. Dated Oct. 26, 1705.

Minuted:—" 31th Oct 1705. My L^d agrees wth the report and dismisses ye proposal."

The proposal. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 114. Mr Fox's memorial to the Ld High Treasurer, relating to the clothiers. Oct. 26, 1705.

An abstract of all money that has been issued for the service of Portugal since the 24th of Dec. 1703, showing how the same is applied, pursuant to the directions by Mr Lowndes's letters." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 115. A representation of the Comptrollers of the accounts of the army to the Ld High Treasurer, showing how they had proceeded on the several instructions given them by her Majesty, and what they conceived necessary to be further taken into consideration, for making this commission more useful to the public. Dated 26 Oct. 1705. 5 *large pages.*

Oct. 26. 116. Letter by direction of the Com^rs of Trade and Plantations to Mr Lowndes, announcing that they had transmitted the circular letters to the governors of the Leeward Islands, Barbadoes, and Jamaica, through Mr Secretary Hedges, for her Majesty's signature. Dated Whitehall, 26 Oct. 1705. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 117. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the export of arms and ammunition to the King of Portugal duty free. Dated 27 Oct. 1705.

Extract of a letter from the "Lord Amb^r Methuen." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 27. 118. Copy of report of the Agents for Taxes on a petition of Caleb Powell, Rec^r General of divers taxes in the counties of Brecon, Radnor, Anglesea, Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Montgomery. They were of opinion that he should be allowed as formerly, viz., 3*d.* in the pound for carriage and return of the money. Dated 27 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—" A w^t signed on this for 321^li^ 6^s^ 9^d^." 1 *page.*

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Oct. 29. 119. Memorial of Sir John Stanley and George Granville, Esqrs, on behalf of Sir Bevill Granville, to the Ld High Treasurer, for repayment of the fees of the Exchequer for the rent of Mote Park, viz., 44*l.* 18*s.* Dated 29 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Jany 1704–5. Orderd as usual." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 30. 120. Report of the Attorney General to the Ld High Treasurer on the report of the Surveyor General made on the petition of Mr Henry Wise to her Majesty, for her royal license to build on a waste piece of ground lying near Hampton Court, lately granted to the petitioner and his heirs, by her Majesty's steward of the honor and manor of Hampton Court, by copy of court roll. The question submitted was whether such a grant was legal with respect to the Act of the Civil List. He (the Attorney Genl) certifies that by that Act her Majesty was not restrained to grant any copyholds by copy of court roll, in fee, or for other estate. However, he was not satisfied that the grant made by the steward by copy of court roll of the wastes of the manor was available to the grantee, for nothing could be granted now by copy of court roll but what was immemorially so granted and grantable, and waste land which was never before so granted could not now be made copyhold, by which Mr Wise's title would be defeasable, unless he could show the waste grounds had been usually devised by copy, which if he should be able to do, he would want a warrant to the steward for making the grant, a steward not having power by virtue of his office to make such voluntary grants. However, since the petitioner was content to build on that title, if her Majesty would permit him, he (the Attorney Genl) saw no objection to her Majesty giving him a warrant for that purpose, that warrant giving him no right to the land. Signed "Edward Northey." Dated 30 Oct. 1705.

Minuted:—"4 Xbr. 1705. My Lord is satisfyed yt ye copy of court roll doth not give him a good title, but he hath built his house upon a mistaken lisence. His Lordp will not oblige him to pull it downe again, but will not indulge any body else to build for the future."

The surveyor's report and the petition. This last report contains this clause, "I have not found this making of new copyholds out of the wasts any where justifyed by the laws of copyholders, but it seems most of the ground where the houses & cottages stand by the way side, near the premises, have been thus granted by copy of court roll, and the homage in the name of the tenants which have a right in the said wasts, do give their consent and apportion the rent for their ease, & the benefit of the poor; and the steward doth admit thereupon in behalfe of the Queen." 5 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 121. "Surveyor of the woods abstract of Mr Wilcox accts from ye 4th June 1703 to the 30th Octobr 1705." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 122. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Ld High Treasurer upon an estimate of Wm Lowen for works to be done by order of Prince George of Denmark in Windsor Forest. Dated 30 Oct. 1705.

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The estimate referred to.

Minuted:—"27 Nov. 1705. A wt to Mr Wilcox to pay this and to be allowed it upon his acct." 2 *pages*.

Oct. 30. 123. Certificate of Mr Henry Shales, auditor, of the payment of the fee of John Ball, gent., surveyor of the works at the Castle of Windsor. With a note of its entry in the office of the auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, on 30 Oct. 1705. ½ *page*.

Oct. 30. 124. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Sir Thomas Littleton, as to the stoppage of payment of an annuity. Dated 30 Oct. 1705.

Minute thereon. Also the memorial. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 31. 125. Memorial of the general officers of the horse and dragoons of her Majesty's forces in the Low Countries, to the Ld High Treasurer. 275 horses of the light horse and 79 of the dragoons had been lost and not inserted in the former account, and had died since the acct ending 31 Oct. last, the levy money of which would amount to 5,073*l*. [*Minuted*:—Ordered.] They would not be in a position to take the field in the next campaign unless this last sum were paid. In the provision by parliament many had not and could not share. If his Lp thought they ought to be relieved, the expense would be 2,500*l*.

[*Minuted*:—2,500*l*. orderd.] Signed "H. St John." Dated 31 Oct. 1705. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 31. 126. Memorial of William Palmes to the Lord High Treasurer. Being encouraged to look out for some other things in lieu of Cookham and Bray, he had been informed of some fee-farm rents in reversion after the life of the Queen Dowager. If his Lordship gave him hopes he would proceed further in the enquiry.

Minuted:—"31 Oct. 1705. My Lord cannot judge of this proposal unless he saw a list of ye rents desired by the petr." 1 *page*.

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Nov. 1. 1. Duplicate of an indenture between the Surveyor of the Woods, Trent South, and the Purveyor of the Navy at Portsmouth, for 300 trees felled in New Forest. Dated 1 Nov. 1705. 1 *page*.

Nov. 1. 2. Letter of J. Butts to William Lowndes, Esq., sending his answers to the objections made to his "pretensions" for payment of his services as a consul. By the methods he took not one English

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ship trading from those parts was taken by the enemy during the late war, and if he had been at his post he was morally assured he would have prevented "the late great loss befallen us." Dated Nov. 1, 1705. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 3. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial of Col. John Hill, touching several matters relating to his regiment, viz., the pay, the muster rolls, the levy money, &c. Dated 1 Nov. 1705. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 2. 4. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Mascall and James Cleesly, London merchants, asking that certain mean prize wines not worth the duty might be sold; advising the sale of them, &c. Dated 2 Nov. 1705.

There is a postscript expressing their opinion that there ought to be some provision for carrying away to foreign parts, without landing, the like sorts of wine which should hereafter be taken by privateers, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 5th Decr 1705. Agreed to the first rep^t^; as to the latter my Lord will speak wth the Comm^rs^ of the Customes at their next attendance." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 5. Warrant of the Ld High Treasurer to the Com^rs^ for Prizes to issue their deputation to John Russel, appointing him as agent for prizes at Falmouth, in place of John Parker and Nicholas Davy, who were unfit to be continued any longer in that trust. Dated 3 Nov. 1705.

This is written on the report of the Prize Com^rs^ on this case.

Two other papers respecting the frauds of the agents. 4 *pages.*

[About Nov. 3.] 6. Memorial of the Lady Letitia Russell, praying a letter from the Treasury to the Com^rs^ of Revenue in Ireland, instructing them to state the debt of the Lady Dorchester, and to certify whether any part, or how much, remained unpaid. The Lady Russell had in 1692 released [the crown] from a debt of 10,000*l.*, in consideration of 600*l.* a year for 31 years, to be paid out of 1,500*l.* a year reserved rent to the crown on the Lady Dorchester's grant of the quit rents in Ireland, but of this 600*l.* a year she had as yet received nothing.

Minuted:—"3^d^ Novr 1705. Orderd accordingly." 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 7. Representation made by J. Howe to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the subsistence of the troops with the Earl of Peterborough. Dated Pay Office, Nov. 6, 1705.

Also respits upon the masters of the troops and regiments. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 8. Report of the Controllers of the army to the L^d^ [High Treasurer] on the memorial of George Wilcocks, on behalf of Mr Brerewood and the assigns and creditors of Thomas Pitkin, late bankrupt: as to the non-issue of money to Mr Brerewood for any of the regiments. A person against whom such practices appeared in the

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House of Commons was not fit to be employed in her Majesty's service. Dated Nov. 6, 1705.

Minuted:—"9 Nov. 1705. My Lord agrees wth ys rept & confirms his former order." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 6. 9. Report of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to Wm Lowndes, Esq., on the petition of the President, Treasurer and Governors of the Hospital of St Thomas the Apostle in Southwark, in five clauses, which are reported on seriatim:

1 & 2. The number of sick and wounded admitted during the late and present war.

3. The allowance for diet.

4. The insufficiency of the revenue of the hospital.

5. The buildings ruinous and to be rebuilt.

The report recommends the bestowment of a bounty to the foundation, at the end of the war, as better than an establishment, which would be a precedent for bringing a great expense to the crown. Dated 6 Nov. 1705.

The petition and an opinion of the Attorney General.

Minuted:—"Read 8th Novr 1705. My Lord agrees wth the Comrs that the hospitall have a gratuity at the end of the warr."

In the Attorney General's opinion he says, "There is not any power reserved to the crown of putting any poor persons into yt hospitall; therefore I dare not say it is a matter of right for the crown to direct who shall be received into the hospitall." 5 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 10. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, concerning the duty payable on a shipload of coals for Gibraltar. Coals exported in a foreign-built ship, though taken prize and legally condemned (as the ship in question was), were liable to a duty of 10s. a chaldron. Dated 7 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 8th Nov. 1705."

Letter from the Comrs of Transport. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 7. 11. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. There was a great want of 10,000 muskets in Ireland to furnish the magazines. The Board of Ordnance could furnish 1,000 arms a month, if assured of payment at certain times. The rates proposed by them were 22s per musket, which would come to 11,000*l.* The exchange at a medium of 8li per cent. would come to 880*l.*, &c. He thought the proposal much for the safety of the kingdom. Dated Whitehall, 7 Nov. 1705.

Copy of an address of the House of Commons of Ireland as to the fortification and ammunition for Ireland. 2 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

Nov. 7. 12. Copy of Lord Chief Baron Ward's report to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Leonard Thompson, the Lord Treasurer's remembrancer in the Exchequer, praying leave to resign his place to Mr Robert Jones, whom he alleged to be capacitated for that place. His lordship's opinion was that he could not resign the office to any one otherwise than by the surrender of the letters patent, or other determination of the estates or interests therein

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mentioned, which, when done, such new grant of the office might be made as should be thought fit. Mr Jones was a son of the late Bishop of St Asaph, and was educated at Cambridge, but his Lordship did not find that he had applied himself to the study or practice of the law, or was acquainted with the business of that office, in and through which the charge and discharge of a great part of her Majesty's revenue daily passed. Dated 7 Nov. 1705.

Nov. 7. 13. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to Mr Secretary Hedges on the petition of Mrs Talbot, widow of Captain Henry Talbot, who was a captain in Sir Matthew Brydges' regiment, served in Ireland and Flanders, and died on his return to Ireland. He was of the family of the Duke of Shrewsbury; viz., as to a pension upon the establishment of Ireland. Dated Whitehall, 7 Nov. 1705.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 14. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Lady Wood, advising the grant of a privy seal for payment to her of 250*l.* levied from a receiver of hearth money. Dated 7 Nov. 1705.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"Read 17th Nov. 1705. Wt for a privy seal to give this to Lady Wood." 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 8. 15. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of John Nettervill, gent., son of the Honble Robert Nettervill, and grandson to Nicholas, Viscount Nettervill, setting forth that King Charles II., in consideration of the services and sufferings of his family, granted him 480*l.* per ann. out of the revenue of Ireland for life; and as yet he had received no part of it, and praying a pension on the establishment of Ireland, &c. The services and loyalty of his family might deserve consideration, but there was a great load on that establishment. Dated Whitehall, 8 Nov. 1705.

There are two or three minutes on the back, the last of which is:—"Prepare a S.M. for 200*l.* a year frõ Michas last, payble ½ yearly, in lieu of his pretencõns, & in consideracõn of his services & sufferings."

The petition, and a letter of the Ld High Treasurer, transmitting the same to the Duke for his report. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 16. Report of Lord Halifax to the Ld High Treasurer upon a letter from Mr Lowndes as to counterfeit malt-lottery tickets in the custody of Mrs Crompton, whose husband was late paymaster of those tickets, recommending them to be cancelled. Dated 9 Nov. 1705.

The letter referred to.

Minuted:—"27 Novr 1705. Ordered accordingly." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 17. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of John Henry Huguelan, who had been confined in France under a strong guard and "was compelled to draw bills of exchange there, and upon France, to a very great

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value, on his correspondents, for the use of that crown," and afterwards made his escape. They had also considered the petition of Anthony and James Saladine, bankers, natives of Geneva, who were also concerned in the same affairs. By inquisition it was found that Mr Hugueton was indebted to various enemies of her Majesty in France two millions of livres. The Saladines insist they are not alien enemies. To remove objections from the Saladines, Mr Hugueton only desired her Majesty's favour, for the moneys owed by him to the rest of the persons named in the inquisition. They, the Attorney and Solicitor General, had no objection to the grant as desired, and were of opinion it might be lawfully made; the moneys being "owing to her Matys enemys in France, & contracted for ye service of ye French King, in his wars against her Maty and her allys, and not contracted in a way of private trade."

Dated 13 Nov. 1705.

The petition of Anthony and James Andrew Saladin. Huguetan had bills and effects of the petitioners which were seized into the Queen's hands. They pray that the seizure might be taken off, being effects of neutrals, and not liable to be seized.

Also Huguetan's petition to the Queen, and a note from "Ro. Harley," referring it to the Ld High Treasurer. 6¼ *pages.*

Nov. 13. 18. Copies of (1.) petition of George Preston and others to the Ld High Treasurer for a respite of the estreat of their recognizances, they having been bail for Joseph Gifford, Wm Martin, and Thomas Matthews, who were indicted for saying mass. (2.) A reference of the same to Wm Borrett, Esq. (3.) Borrett's report. Giffard and the others did not take their trials, whereby their recognizances of 9,000*l.* were forfeited. He apprehended the prosecutor had agreed with them and had received a reward. It was "the usual course in the Court of Exchequer on equity arising from facts to compound recognizances." (4.) Another petition of Preston and the others. (5.) Reference to the Attorney General. (6.) His report. These persons were prosecuted as popish priests and for saying mass within this realm under the Act 11 Will. III., for the further preventing the growth of popery, whereby the prosecutor, on the conviction of every priest for saying mass, was to receive 100*l.* from the sheriff. The priests did not appear, but agreed with the prosecutor, and thereby the recognizances were forfeited. If they had appeared they could not have been convicted for want of evidence, the prosecutor being bought off. It might be reasonable to admit the bail to a composition. Dated Nov. 13, 1705. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 19. Report of the Controllers of the Army to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Commissary Robert Livingston, as to an arrear for victualling the forces at New York. Dated 13 Nov. 1705.

Another paper on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 14. 20. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, touching deposits for the new subsidy on prizage wines. Dated 14 November 1705.

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Minuted:—"14 Jan. 1705. Upon reads this day a meml frō ye D. of Northtland it is orderd yt ye matter relating to this deposit be heard to-morrow sennit, being Tuesday 22 Janry," &c.

Copy of a former presentment and a warrant. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 21. Letter from the Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes about the occasion of the increase of the victualling debt. Dated 15 Nov. 1705. 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 22. Another letter from them to the Treasurer of the Navy, applying for money to pay bills of exchange drawn on them from Lisbon and elsewhere. Dated 15 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"20,000*l.* for bills of Exc." 1 *page.*

Nov. 16. 23. "Mr Fox's memorial relating to an annuity of 78*l.* per ann. fallen since those tallies were put into his hands." Dated 16 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"17 Novr 1705. It must be sold at ye rate of 15 years & ¾ purchase, at wch annitys in possiōn are estimated." 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 24. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial from the Venetian Ambassador, relating to some linen, &c., stopped by the officers of Customs as prohibited goods. Dated 17 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 21 Nov. 1705. My Lord canot lawfully give any further directions in this matter."

The memorial (*French*). 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 17. 25. Report of the Controllers of the Army on the petition of several clothiers of the army as to the payment out of the off-reckonings, &c. for clothing supplied. Dated 17 Nov. 1705. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 17. 26. Letter of the Comrs for Prizes to William Lowndes, Esq., sending extracts of letters as to prizes taken in the West Indies. Dated Nov. 17, 1705.

The two extracts referred to, and copy of another letter from them on the same subject. 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

Nov. 18. 27. Copy of a letter of Prince George of Denmark, and an order in Council of 18 Nov. 1705 thereon, as to a deduction of 6*d.* a month to be made from the pay of the marines, as well on shore as at sea, that they might receive an allowance from the chest at Chatham wherever they might happen to be wounded. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 28. Letter from the Earl of Peterborough addressed to "My Lord." The bargain was made by the ambassador Metheun with the masters in whose behalf he (the Earl) had drawn bills on his Lordship. The King of Spain desired, and absolute necessity required, that we should not be left unprovided with ammunition, having Barcelona, Tarragona, Girone, Lerida, and several other castles and fortresses to provide with powder. It was therefore the opinion of a council held before the King that half the powder

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designed for the Duke of Savoy should be taken ashore and kept for service in that country. The ships were detained there, first, because some letters from the Queen's ministers gave strong suspicions, others positive assurance, that the Duke of Savoy had made his terms, so that to send this ammunition to an enemy, which would have rendered our successes useless, was not advisable, and no proper determination in this matter could be taken till the fate of Barcelona was decided. When that was known, and that not a barrel of powder could be had in Catalonia, they divided the powder and lead with the Duke of Savoy, and sent the saltpetre entirely to Italy, the freight having to be paid by Mr Methuen's order, &c. Dated 19 Nov. 1705. [If new style, 12 Nov.] 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 20. 29. An account of money remaining to be received on the "declaration" for the years 1702 to 1705, as by the account received from the Treasury Chambers. Dated 20 Nov. 1705. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 30. Report of Mr J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Henry Cornish, Esq., relating to money advanced by him to the Earl of Peterborough. Dated 20 Nov. 1705.
The petition. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 20. 31. Letter of the Comrs for Prizes [? to Mr Lowndes] as to an allowance to Mr Plater for a prize called the S Paul, of Rochelle, carried into Maryland. Mr Plater had not adjusted his accounts with their agent. A commission had been sent to enquire into his management. As to regulation of prizes in the West Indies, their advocates were of opinion that no Court of Admiralty had power to try and adjudge prizes. Even the Court of Admiralty here, as a Court of Admiralty, could not try prizes but by a special additional commission, and that had been the ancient practice. It would be inconvenient to erect prize courts in the West Indies. Dated 20 Nov. 1705.
Minuted:—"Read." 2½ *pages.*

[? About Nov. 21.] 32. Petition of Charles, Earl of Arran, to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner had purchased from Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, his interest in the park of Bagshot, being the remainder of a lease granted by King James II. to James Graham, Esq., &c.; praying a lease for three lives rather than for 31 years. Referred 21 Nov. 1705.
Minuted:—"Janry 7th 1705. A wt for 3 lives."
A letter relating thereto. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 21. 33. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Peter Vatable of Dublin, merchant, for the discharge from seizure of a sum of money ordered by him to be sent from England to Ireland to pay the duty on tobacco. They saw no reason to delay the condemnation of it. Dated 21 Nov. 1705.
Minuted:—"Read 4 Xber 1705. My Lord is of opinion wth the Comrs & the peticõn is dismissed."
The petition. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 22. 34. Report of the Com^rs of Customs, on the petition of Sir Bazille Firebrace, Samuel Shepherd, and several other wine merchants of London, relating to the payment of interest upon their wine bonds. Dated 22 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Jan^ry 1705/6. My Lord approves the report & dismisses ye peticõn."

The petition and three other papers on the same subject. 9½ *pages.*

Nov. 24. 35. Letter from the Com^rs of Revenue, Dublin, to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing an estimate of the gross produce of the revenue for the two quarters ended at Michaelmas 1704 and 1705, compared together. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the times the revenue had improved under their management. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 24 Nov. 1705.

The "view" referred to. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 24. 36. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Hare, common brewer, a debtor to the crown, whose wife had a claim on the Great Wardrobe for goods supplied by her father; recommending "tenderness" to be used to him. Dated 24 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Jan^ry 1705/6. Approved."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 24. 37. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Joseph Boit, merchant, as to the duties on an importation of brandy from Genoa, which was very mean and foul; they admit the hardness of the case, but did not find any law or practice which allowed of an abatement. They suggest that the brandy above proof should be reduced to single brandy and so pay duty, or to make a post-entry. Dated 24 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 26.] 38. Petition of some of the proprietors of army and transport debentures to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for payment of a year's interest, after which there would be two years due. Eighteen signatures.

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1705. As soon as ye fond will produce mony." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 26.] 39. Petition of Henry Pelham, Esqre, Clerk of the Pells, to the Lord High Treasurer; the rolls for the petitioner's time and at his charge by his L^ps order had been completed. His Lordship had promised 1,000*l.* for the engrossing and examining the rolls of Mr Wardour's time; they were progressing with all imaginable despatch; asks for an order for the 1,000*l.*

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1705. 250^li to be paid." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 26.] 40. Petition of Catherine de Bourbon, daughter of Gideon de Bourbon, Marquis of Basian, to the Ld High Treasurer. She came as a refugee for religion, without being able to bring any goods from France. She had presented a petition to the Queen for a

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pension, and asks his L^ps^ assistance. She had also presented a petition to the Prince. [French.]

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1705. The revenue is too much loaded already wth pen̄cons." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 26.] 41. Petition of William Atwood to the Ld High Treasurer. He had executed the office of Chief Justice of New York with his utmost zeal and faithfulness, and was thanked by the Board of Trade, but was suspended by the Lord Cornbury without any hearing, which had occasioned unspeakable difficulties and disasters. He *might* mention the continuance of his office to that day, yet craved not any allowance beyond a quarter after the suspension; 370*l.* were due; praying favourable and compassionate consideration.

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1705. My L^d^ thinks he has been very indulgent to him already." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 26.] 42. Petition of Charles and Richard Hore on behalf of themselves and Mary Hore, widow and relict of James Hore, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer. The petitioners had made a discovery of many great frauds and abuses in the victualling of the navy. Had met with much trouble thereby, had been imprisoned, had received but 300*l.*, and their debts amounted to more than 1,000*l.*; asking to be recompensed. Signed.

Minuted:—"Nov. 26, 1705. The 300*l.* was thought a full consideration by ye Queen's counsel." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 43. Memorial of Mr Charles Fox to the Ld High Treasurer as to the issue of 699*l.* to Col. John Hill, for providing arms for the regiment commanded by Brigadier Stanhope. Dated 27 Nov. 1705.

Memorial of Col. John Hill on the same subject.

Minuted:—"12 Decr 1705. Orderd."

Again:—"14th Jan^ry^ 1705. Paid in pt of 699^li^ 467^li^ 19^s^ 6^d^" 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 27. 44. "A state of the Exchequer bills issued by virtue of two Acts of Parliament that passed in the 8th & 9th years of his late Mat^s^ reigne, computed from the time or times they were first respectively issued to the 27th November 1705."

There is a memorandum that the charge for circulating the bills for 1706 would be 4,000*l.* 1 *page and* 2 *lines.*

Nov. 27. 45. Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue, Ireland, to the Ld High Treasurer, upon the fund appropriated for the first year's interest upon the debentures which remained unsatisfied from the forfeited estates in Ireland; certifying that about 700*l.* had been paid in beyond the charge of management. Dated 27 Nov. 1705.

Also "An account of proceedings in the prosecution of several persons returned by the late trustees at Chichester House to the Commissioners of the Revenue to be indebted to the publique." 3¼ *pages.*

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1705. [? About Nov. 27.] 46. Petition of Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, to the Lord High Treasurer. Altho' he had delivered in his accounts, and was prosecuting the passing of them with all the expedition he could, yet he was informed there was a distringas against him; praying that process might be superseded.

Minuted;—"27 Nov. 1705. Ref. to the Audrs to certify how these accots are followed." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 47. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Peter Ford, mariner, in relation to a prize ship sold to him which had received great damage. The ship was not lost as stated by the petitioner. Dated 27 Nov. 1705.

The petition and "Mr Ford's case," in which it is stated that "the ship was lost in the late storm while it was in the custody of the prize officer." The Attorney General's opinion was, that by the sale and payment of the money, the property of the ship sold, vested in Mr Ford, and the loss should fall on him. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 29. 48. Memorial of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the charges for carrying out the commission sent into Devonshire, to examine into frauds supposed to have been committed in the receipt of the public taxes. They claimed 20*s.* a day for each commissioner, 6*s.* 8*d.* a day to each clerk, and their expenses; which would make 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a day besides their board and lodging. Dated 29 Nov. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Decr 1705. My Lord doth not thinke it reasonable that the Governmt should be at this charge."

Copy of a letter signed by four of the Comrs. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 49. Report of Prince George of Denmark, Ld High Admiral, on the petition of Richard Natt, gent., as to a reward for seizing a lading of wine as a perquisite to the Ld High Admiral. Dated Admiralty Office, 29 Nov. 1705. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 29. 50. Memorial of Robert Weddell, deputy to Sir John Stanley, Warden of the Mint, for himself and others, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a reward of 100*l.* for apprehending one Carter, alias Brown, alias Williams, charged with counterfeiting malt tickets, &c. Dated 29 Nov. 1705.

Copy of the Gazette containing the advertisement, and copy of a letter for the insertion of it. 4 *pages* (2 *are print*).

Nov. 30. 51. Letter of Messrs Arundell and Bates to the Lord High Treasurer. The Ld Peterborough knowing they served her Majesty under the Comrs for Victualling the Navy, and wanting money after his glorious success at Barcelona, had drawn on them for 20,000 dollars, supposing (though wrongly) that they might have cash of her Majesty's. As they had the Queen's honor at heart and were most dutiful subjects they had accepted the bill, and should punctually pay the same. They enclosed copies of letters on the subject from Ld Peterborough and Mr Hill, her Majesty's envoy at

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Turin, addressed to themselves. As they had advanced their moneys freely on this occasion, they did not question his Lordship would order payment of the bills. Trade was dull there and money scarce, and they could not draw the whole sum at once without raising the exchange to an extravagancy. They left the commission to his Lps generosity, Dated Livorno, 11 Dec. 1705. [N.S. *i.e.* 30 Nov.]

The copies of the letters referred to. The Earl of Peterborough says, "The news of our success in Catalonia, I doubt not, are as agreable to every Englishman as they are surprising to the enemy, to take a capital whose garrison consisted of above 5,000 foot and 800 horse, when our army was but 7,000 foot and 400 dragoons, the enemy resisting to the last extremity; and at the same time Gironna taken by surprise, and Tarragona, soldiers and officers prisoners of war. This is a beginning which heaven has favoured almost with miracles, since we begun with taken Mangui [Montjuich] with sword in hand, which castle is much stronger than the place. They had five hundred men to defend it, and we but eight to attack it. I thought it of such importance that the Prince of Hesse and myself attacked with the grenadiers, where we had the misfortune to lose that gallant general. Since Lerida, Tortosa, all the strong castles, towns, and villages have submitted to King Charles the Third, except Rosas, just upon the frontiers of France," &c. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 52. Fees received for the months of June, July, October, and November for bankers' annuities. The object not apparent. 5 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Dec. 2. 53. Letter from Mr Secretary Harley to the Ld High Treasurer. Her Majesty's pleasure was that the salary mentioned in a previous order should be paid to Mr Dummer out of the droits and perquisites of the Ld High Admiral. Dated Whitehall, 2 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Four other papers relating thereto. One is a letter dated Navy Office, 22 Oct. 1705, signed "Cha. Sergison," in which he says that there is not one of his brethren who does not think Mr Dummer deserving of this and much more for his services in the navy; not one in his post ever did anything like him. The new docks at Portsmouth and Plymouth would be lasting monuments of his great skill as well as services to the kingdom. 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 3. 54. Letter from Mr Thomas Brerewood to the Lord High Treasurer. He hoped he had done nothing to incur his Lps displeasure. It was his greatest misfortune to be concerned with Pitkin, but if his Lp searched into that affair he would not think him as guilty as clamour had made him out. Even those who raised it were anxious for his reinstatement. Dated 3 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"4 Xbr. 1705. He having been concerned in a matter that gave a publique scandal, my Lord cannot consent that he be entrusted with ye publiq mony." 1 *page.*

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Dec. 4. 55. Presentment of the Com^rs for Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, in favour of Mr John Wynn, Deputy Solicitor for Prizes, being made joint solicitor for prizes with Mr Daniel Burgesse, with an addition of 20*l.* per ann. Dated 4 Dec. 1705. 1 *page.*

Dec. 5. 56. Cofferer's memorials, being three quarterly accounts of the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of her Majesty's household to the 30th of Sept. 1705. Dated 5 Dec. 1705.
With minutes for their payment on the back. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 5. 57. "An abstract of what will be necessary to compleat the subsistence, clearings, & off-reckonings of the six regiments of foot sent on the expedition under the Earl of Peterborow, up to 23 Dec. 1705," &c.
Minuted:—"Read 5th Decr 1705." 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 58. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the remission of duties on certain exports of arms, &c., for the King of Portugal for the use of the war. Dated 6 Dec. 1705.
A letter and an extract from a letter on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 59. Letter of the Com^rs of Victualling to Sir Tho. Littleton, Bart., asking him to move the Ld High Treasurer for payment of 15,000*l.* to ships from the West Indies, &c. About 10,000*l.* of the money taken up by their agent at Lisbon, and sent with the fleet to Barcelona for paying short allowance, was left with the Earl of Peterborough for answering other more pressing occasions, whereby the ships returned from the Mediterranean remained unpaid; further 30,000*l.* were required for bills of exchange, &c. Dated 7 Dec. 1705. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 60. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on a representation by Mr Foley as to a contract for 6,000 cords of wood by the year at 5*s.* 10*d.* per cord for the best wood, and 5*s.* 4*d.* for the thorny, to be taken from the Forest of Dean. He found the woods so very full of young trees that unless the beech were taken down, the oaks could not grow to be of use for shipping. There were formerly 11,000 acres, part of the said forest, to remain in severalty, in the actual possession of the crown for ever, and if 11,000 acres were divided into 16 parts, being nearly 700 each, and one part cut down and enclosed, sufficient standards being left, they might hereafter cut in course once in 16 years, and they would raise 3,500*l.* per annum for ever. All the works near the forest should be encouraged, and the wood might be sold at a greater price. Dated 7 Dec. 1705.
Another paper containing much of the same proposal.
Also the representation referred to. 3¼ *pages.*

Dec. 8. 61. Report of the Attorney General to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of William Marston, vicar of Redbourn, near St Albans, asking that process might not issue against him on a recognizance for 50*l.* to prosecute John Cairns on suspicion of

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robbery: not objecting to the discharge of the recognizance. Dated 8 Dec. 1705.

The petition and a certificate relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Dec. 1705. Agreed, & a wt to be prepared accordingly." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 62. Copy of a warrant of Prince George of Denmark to Walter Whitfield, Esq., paymaster of marine regiments, for payment of the salary at 10*s.* a day of Mr Richard Etkins, going to Barcelona to muster the detachment of the marine regiments left there. Dated 8 Dec. 1705. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 8. 63. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of John Mason, gent., late Receiver General of the co. of Cambridge, to be allowed to make a composition; abiding by their former report. Dated 8 Dec. 1705.

The petition, a certificate, and copy of "a recognizance in the nature of a statute staple."

Minuted:—"12 Xbr 1705. My Lord adheres to the former report, and will not signe any warrt for a composicõn wth him, till the agents have reported upon the peticõn of Sir John Conyers." 4 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 64. Letter of the Earl of Kent to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the filling up of two vacancies among the messengers of the chamber. The number was formerly 40. As they fell in they were to be reduced to 30. There was as much occasion for them then as at any time past, and there was so little saved by such retrenchments. Dated Cockpit, Dec. 10th 1705.

Also: "List of the messengers waitings." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

[About Dec. 12.] 65. Memorial of William Burnaby to the Lord High Treasurer. He had received his Lps warrant and a deputation appointing him Agent for Prizes on board the fleet in the West Indies, with an allowance of 300*l.* per ann. His Lp had ordered the repayment of a half year's salary that was advanced; prays for recall of the order.

Minuted:—"12 Dec. 1705. My Ld doth not think fit to revoke his former direction." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 12.] 66. Petition of Charles Scarburgh, Esq., to the Queen for the remission or mitigation of a fine of 150*l.* set upon the renewal of a lease of a piece of ground in Green Cloth Yard, in Whitehall, whereupon Sr Alexander Frazier built a house, as it would cost the petitioner a great sum to repair it, owing to the damage by the fire in Whitehall and the late dreadful storm.

Minuted:—"12 Dec. 1705. 'Tis reduced to half." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 12.] 67. Petition of Sarah Lee, widow of Joseph Lee, late master's mate of H.M. ship War-spright, for herself and many other widows whose husbands were killed in fight against the French; praying for payment of their bounty.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Dec. 1705." ½ *page.*

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[About Dec. 12.] 68. Petition of Anthony Isaacson to the Lord High Treasurer to be employed as collector of Liverpool on the dismissal of Edward Scarbrough, his employment in connection with the logwood duty in London having ceased.

Minuted—"12 Decr 1705. He must apply to C. Cust." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 12.] 69. Similar petition of Adam Batty for employment in the Customs.

Minuted:—"12 Dec. 1705. He must apply to ye Comrs of ye Customs." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 12.] 70. Petition of John Powell, to the Ld High Treasurer for employment as a land waiter for the port of London. His father was known to his Lordship, and had his Lordship's order to have petitioner instructed in those duties.

Minuted as the last. 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 12.] 71. Petition of Henry Ballowe and John Smith, Deputy Chamberlains for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer, to the Ld High Treasurer, for a warrant to cause an order to be drawn for payment of 68*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* as their allowance for their duties.

Minuted:—"12 Xber 1705. A warrt."

Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 12.] 72. Petition of John Skynner to the Ld High Treasurer for employment in the Customs as deputy Queen's waiter.

Also copy of certificate of the land waiters and land surveyors of London as to his competency, with their names at the foot.

Minuted:—"12 Dec. 1705. He must apply to ye Comrs of ye Customes." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 73. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Henry Tenison and Thomas Proby, of Dublin, Esqres, praying to be permitted to remove the dog kennel which is under the wall of the Phœnix Park to a more convenient place, and for a lease of the ground whereon it stands, and of another spot of ground where the icehouse is; concurring with the Attorney Genl for Ireland and the Surveyor General in their opinion that the petitioners might be gratified. The lease to be for 31 years. Dated Whitehall, 12 Dec. 1705.

The petition to the Queen, which states the annoyance of the inhabitants on Arbour Hill by the great stench of the dog kennel. [Arbour Hill lay near the wall of Phœnix Park, and was the resort of several people for the recovery of their health.]

The reference to the Lord Lieutenant.

Letter of the Lords Justices announcing to the Lord Lieutt that they had referred the petition to the Attorney Genl and Surveyor Genl, enclosing their reports.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Apr. 1706. A warrt to be prepared accordingly." 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 13. 74. Two printed or copper-plate papers, *docquetted*:—The West India correspondence, how propounded and how performed by E. Dummer. The second is dated 13 Xber. 1705.

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They show at a glance the dates of sailing and arrivals of the vessels employed in the mail service, &c. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 13. 75. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer respecting Thomas Stanwix, Esq., Lieut.-Governor, and one of the burgesses in Parliament for the city of Carlisle, against whom they charged nothing as to the Customs under their management. [There appears to have been some abuse offered to William Gilpin, Esq., of Scaleby, in the county of Cumberland, J.P., in connection with the duties on salt.] Dated 13 Dec. 1705.] 1 *page.*

Dec. 13. 76. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to some further check upon the charge and payments of the collectors in the outports. Dated 13 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"Jan^ry 29th 1705. Mr Holt to have coppies of these presentm^ts Com^rs & he to attend on Friday next in the afternoon."

Two papers as to debts on coals of the collectors of the outports, and their over-payments on the Customs. 6¼ *pages.*

Dec. 13. 77. Report of the Controllers of the Army on a memorial of the Duke of Ormond, as to a detachment of 490 private soldiers sent to Portugal with 1,378 horses. 40*s.* a man was to be allowed the several regiments to make recruits, &c. They were to consist of Englishmen, and the officers were actually above 4*l.* a man out of pocket. The horses and men were shipped from Cork in 29 transports. Advising the usual allowance of 3*l.* a man for levy money, to be issued as therein proposed. Dated Dec. 13, 1705.

Minuted:—"18 Xber 1705. Mr Brydges is to make a demand for this levy money according to this report." 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 13. 78. Order of Council to the Officers of Ordnance to provide 10,000 muskets, by the desire of the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Dated 13 Dec. 1705.

Copy of report containing the estimate of the cost by the Officers of Ordnance. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 13. 79. Letter of Mr R. Holt, commencing "honoured sir," asking on account of the great increase of his duties [in the Custom House] for two more clerks, at a cost of 200*l.* per ann., and 100*l.* more would ease him of the taxes, which were very hard on him. He paid the taxes for himself and clerks. Dated 13 Dec. 1705. 2 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 13.] 80. Petition of Elizabeth Mouse, widow of Mr William Mouse, late captain-lieut. in the regiment of foot commanded by Sir Matthew Brydges, to the Queen. Her husband served 19 years in the army, and died of his wounds at the last siege of Limerick. She was a gentlewoman of good family, and for her support had wrought with her needle until grown aged and almost blind; praying a pension.

Minuted:—"Received 13 Dec. 1705."

Again:—"31th July 1706. The Queen's revenue is already overcharged."

Copy of certificate of the truth of the petitioner's statements. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 14. 81. Report of the Com^rs of Customs on a memorial from the Portugal envoy, relating to some arms and accoutrements designed to have been shipped off at Falmouth. They could not by law be shipped in a vessel used for the carriage of letters, unless allowed by the persons managing the Customs. By his Lordship's directions they would hereafter licence the packet boats to take such arms, &c. free of duty as were certified by the envoy, for the immediate account of the King of Portugal. Dated 14 Dec. 1705.

A letter from the envoy from Portugal to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that such instructions might be given as would prevent these disappointments.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Jan^ry 1705/6. Orderd." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 82. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of John Mackley, distiller, who had bribed one of the officers of Excise to omit charging him with duty on low wines, and he and the officers were to be tried for the same. The Com^rs had filed a bill in equity against him, to discover what money he owed. They supposed that he was rather unwilling than unable to make a discovery upon oath. He ought to put in his answer and pay the arrears. Dated 14 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"17 Xber. 1705. My Lord concurrs in opinion with ye Comm^rs."

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 25. 83. "A particular account of poste of letters to & fro for the service of the crowne, disbursed by me Hugh Broughton from the 5th of January 1695/6 [? 1694/5] until the 24th Septemb^r 1705." Dated Venice, 25 Dec. 1705 [*i.e.* 14 Dec.]. 4 *large pages.*

Dec. 15. 84. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Fuller, a distiller of many years standing, who had been convicted for practices to the prejudice of the revenue. About two years since he built an entire distilling house or room, in Cow Cross, and entered it in his own name, where he used to distil from malt and molasses wash. He contrived to evade the law by making two doors into the distilling room, and two passages to it, and set up a partition of boards to divide one part from the other, entering them in the names of his servant and daughter, and afterwards of another daughter, of the ages of 12 and 13, pretending to keep foreign wash in one part and malt wash in the other. There was a door in the partition, &c. The Com^rs refused to receive the duty from the daughters, and the petitioner refused to pay it, whereupon the Com^rs issued their warrant to seize his goods for the duty. These practices ought not to be continued. Dated 15 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"17 Xber. 1705. My Lord concurs in opinion with the Comm^rs & dismisses ye peticõn."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 85. Orders and instructions to be observed by Thomas Castle, gent., Commissary of the stores of war for the forces in Spain

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The stores consisted of clothing to be sent to Barcelona. Dated 15 Dec. 1705. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 86. Letter of the Board of Green Cloth to the Lord [High Treasurer] pressing the claims for arrears of James Vezian, late purveyor of oats and beans at London and Kensington, and of Jone Heard, late purveyor of butcher's meat. Dated 17 Dec. 1705. 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 87. Letter signed "D. Stanyan to [? Mr Lowndes]. The late farmers of Ireland had received hard usage from the crown, although they had done great service by improving the revenue 40,000*l.* All their family estate in land had been swallowed up, and they were stripped of everything for subsistence, and his father was in prison, where he must end his days if no relief was afforded. "Their debts had become old and insolvent," and not by any default of theirs. Their ready money had been taken out of their house at Tangeir by violence, for which they had no restitution. The debts could not be collected without the aid of the crown; asks him to speak to "my Lord," and not to say my Lord could not do it, for process was daily issued out of the Exchequer for debts due to the Crown here in England, of far longer standing than the farmers' debts in Ireland. Dated 18 Dec. [1705].

Minuted:—"21 Xber 1705. Read." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 88. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the stay of process against John Lawton, Esq., one of the securities of Tho. Spendelow, Esq., late Recr Genl of the county of Stafford. Dated 18 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"22th Dec. 1704. Orderd accordingly."

The petition of John Lawton. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 89. Letter of Edward Wilcox to the Ld High Treasurer, as to a contract with Mr Foley for 6,000 cords of wood in the Forest of Dean. If carried out, it would be at a loss of 800*l.* per ann. Dated 11 Xber. 1705.[1]

Enclosing a few memoranda apparently not connected with the letter. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 18. 90. Memorial on behalf of the cofferer, to the Ld High Treasurer, for an order for 1,500*l.* upon account of the imprests. Dated 18 Dec. 1705. ½ *page.*

Dec. 19. 91. Letter from the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition and papers of Col. Hugh Hamill, praying for renewal of a warrant for discharge of petitioner and his heirs from several debts. He had referred it to the Attorney General of Ireland. The Col. had always appeared zealous in her Majesty's service, particularly in the present Parliament, and deserved the favour. Dated 19 Dec. 1705.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Apr. 1706. The warrt to be renewd."

Letter of Lord Godolphin sending the petition to his Grace.

The petition, a warrant of Queen Mary, and the report of the Attorney General. 9 *pages.*

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Dec. 21. 92. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to Mr Lowndes, enclosing copy of another to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer, dated 14 Nov. 1705, respecting a prize called the St Paul of Rochelle carried into Maryland, for his Lordship's directions. Dated 21 Dec. 1705. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 93. Memorial of Sir Francis Blake in behalf of Charles Howard "his son," to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that M^r. Howard might be appointed as Surveyor on the Borders of Scotland to prevent the transport of wool and horses into Scotland, and salt and tobacco into England. There were already some officers there, but none that lived on the place, or had any interest in the country like Mr Howard, whose estate lay all along the Borders. This was all Sir Francis Blake would accept of, in reward of all his services both in and out of Parliament for twenty years.

Minuted:—"21 Dec. 1705. He has been already recomd^d to ye Com^rs of ye Customes, but they don't think any gentleman of ye county proper for this employm^t." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 21.] 94. Petition of George Warburton to the Lord High Treasurer, to be appointed agent to the Com^rs of Transport at Lisbon, on the decease of Mr Richard Darby.

Minuted:—"Read 21st Dec. 1705." 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 22. 95. Letter from C. Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, sending a list of goods stopped at the Custom House belonging to the Venetian Ambassador, brought for his own use; asking for directions. They were much the same sort of goods as those of Monsr Mocenigo, the late Ambassador from Venice. Dated Cockpit, 22 Dec. 1705. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 23. 96. "An abstract of what remaines unissued at the Exchq^r to compleat the severall orders for the $\frac{40}{m}$ & $\frac{10}{m}$ men in Holland & the 10,200 men in Portugall for the year ending the 23th Decr 1705, & what tallyes remaine in Mr Fox's hand for each service; how the same is to be divided between the two paymast^rs in order to satisfye the proportions of the establishments payable by each of them." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 97. Col^l Ingoldsby's account for himself and company, from December 1703 to 23 Dec. 1705. Signed as a true copy of account by Lord Cornbury. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 98. "General abstract of the accounts of her Majesties revenue in Ireland stated in the Accomptant Gen^lls office for the year end^g at Xm̃as 1705." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 28. 99. Letter from the Com^rs of Victualling to William Lowndes, Esq. They desired the Ld High Treasurer might be acquainted that their return to the enquiries of the Navy Board in relation to Lord Orford's accounts, were nearly closing. Stay of process against Mr Papillon was requested. Dated 28 Dec. 1705. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 29. 100. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Holland, who had two informations against him for loading wool on board a French vessel for transportation, in favour of the petitioner, who had been convicted on the evidence of an untrustworthy witness in a penalty. Dated 29 Dec. 1705.

The petition. Certificate as to character and Holland's case.

Minuted:—" Mr Baker to attend with Comrs Customs of Friday 8th Feb. 1705/6. 5 *pages, and* 2 *parts.*

Dec. 31. 101. Letter of Mr Wm Blathwayt to [Mr Lowndes?] He had received an account of payments and cravings made out of the gold and other treasure belonging to Captain John Quelch and Co., for defraying the charges in seizing and securing those pirates and their treasure. The charges were 1/3 too large, but as the prosecution of pirates was carried on with great difficulty in the plantations, and more especially in the chartered governments in New England and elsewhere (piracy being too much countenanced, or at least connived at in those parts), he conceived the service could not have been so well carried on by Col. Dudley without an extraordinary expense. Col. Dudley had been requested to send over the piratical goods or their value, and no doubt there would be a suitable return by the soonest opportunity. Dated 24 Dec. 1705.

A supplemental letter to the above, dated 31 Dec. 1705. Col. Dudley had fully complied with Her Majesty's commands, and had sent an account of the goods, &c., and an invoice of the gold (788 oz. 3 dwt.) delivered to the Commander and Lieutt of the ship Guernsey, being the balance of the account.

Minuted:—" Write to Mr Burchett to procure ordrs to the Capt. of ye Guernsey to send up the gold wthin mencond & to cause the same to be paid in to the Mint for her Mats use & to take the officer's rects for his discharge." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 102. Certificate of Lord Halifax of the payment of a perpetuity of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, at the receipt of the Exchequer, to Sir John Cotton, Bart. Dated 31 Dec. 1705. ½ *page.*

[About ? Dec 31.] 103. An account of levy money for recruiting the men and horses of the foreign troops in her Majesty's pay and in the joint pay of Her Majesty and the States General, which were killed and lost in passing the enemy's lines and at forage, and which died of the common distemper in the campaign 1705, according to the rates allowed by the States General to the troops in their service.

Minuted:—" Read 31st Decr 1705. Speake with ye Duke of Marlborough abt this." 3 *pages.*

[1705.] 104. Memorial of Dr Woodroffe to the Ld High Treasurer. It was nearly five years since certain youths of the Greek communion were committed to the doctor to receive such a liberal education in the University as might qualify them as preachers, schoolmasters, or otherwise, in their own country. They were received into the royal protection, and some fund was to be found to maintain ten of them, but it had not been found, and their expenses and education to the value

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of 1,400*l.* (except 400*l.* of the royal bounty) had lain on the doctor, besides what was due for his pains. The doctor was indebted for salt duty to her Majesty about 600*l.*, being proprietor of one of the salt works in Cheshire. Process was stopped for a time, but more Greek youths were sent, and he had not been able to pay the debt. If process should now go out against him he and the good work must be utterly ruined. He offers to have some part of his estate sold, if no other way of supply could be speedily found; as, if he be discountenanced, the honour of the nation and religion must suffer; occasion being thereby given to the scornings and insultings of the enemies of our faith, who are so ready to snatch away the honour of so good a work from us. Undated, but compare a paper dated Nov. 23, 1703, Vol. LXXXVII. 142, when the youths had been three years under the charge of Dr Woodroffe. 1 *page.*

105. "Timber delivered by the Surveyor Genll of her Majesties Woods, Trent, South, for the service of her Majts navy, in the year 1705, pursuant to her Mats warrants in that behalf," viz.:—
Out of the New Forest, Rockingham Forest, and Bushey Park and Middle Park, at Hampton Court. 1 *page.*

106. Petition of Mary, Lady Blaney, widow and relict of the Rt Hon. William Lord Blaney, deceased, to the Queen. The petitioner's husband was governor of the town and garrison of Sligo from April 1693 to 1695, and received no pay or reward, although other governors had 20*s.* a day. Prays, in consequence of the circumstances in which she is left, for an allowance, or for other relief.
[Lord Blaney died 1705.] 1 *page.*

107. Difference of the establishments of 20,000 men for the years 1704 and 1705.
Also another paper comparing the Portugal establishment of 1704 with that of 1705. 3 *pages.*

108. A view of the gross produce of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland in the two qrs ending at Lady-day 1705, comparing them with 1705, showing the increase or decrease.
Also for the two quarters ending at Midsummer 1705. Signed "W. Burgh, Accompt Genl." 2 *pages.*

109. A computation of the ordinary charge of the Office of Ordnance for land service for the year 1705. 1½ *pages.*

110. Memoranda as regards the state of the revenue between the years 1703 and 1705. 5½ *pages.*

111. Imperfect debtor and creditor account of the national revenue and expenses, made up to 8 Nov. 1705. Probably dated at the end of the year 1705. 7 *pages or parts of pages. One sheet has had a hole burnt in it.*

112. "A list of the officers names and wages in the pen[n]y post office as taxd in ye year 1705." 1 *page.*

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113. Apportionment of the funds for the service of the year 1705. 1 *large sheet, worn through at the folds.*

[Between 1705 and 1710.] 114. Representation of George, Bishop of St Davids, to the Lord High Treasurer, against certain allowances made to Mr Jeoffries, a Receiver of the Temporalities. Undated, but George Bull was Bishop from 1705 to 1710. 1 *page.*

115. A paper as to the deductions from the full pay of Col. Hill's regiment. ? End of 1705. 1¼ *pages.*

116. Thirty-five papers containing proposals to the Ld High Treasurer as to the remittance of moneys for the use of the Government to Holland, New York, Portugal, and Italy, by—

Sir Henry Furnesse,
Sir Jeffrey Jeffryes,
John Mendes da Costa,
N. Tourton, Isaac and G. Guiguer,
Sir Theodore Jansen,
Stephen Evance and Partners,
Mons. Gallatin,
Arthur Moore,
Laurence Galdy & Co.,
Jaques Roussy,
Lullin, Marcet, and John Lambert.

They include some few other papers connected therewith. Dated in the year 1705.

117. Fifteen presentments, accounts, and other papers, of the Comrs for Transportation, viz., Sir Saml Atkinson, Nich. Roope, Esq., and Thomas Colby, appointed to transport Her Majesty's forces to the West Indies during the year 1705.

118. Twenty-five letters of the Comrs of the Navy, mostly addressed to Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart, Treasurer of the Navy, or to Mr Lowndes, on the business of the Navy Office. Dated in the year 1705.

Some few have enclosures.

[These will no doubt be found entered in the *Navy Letter Book.*]

[? 1705 or 1706.] 119. Petition of the clothiers of the Queen's forces in Portugal and Holland to the Lord High Treasurer. Ten months of off-reckonings were due for clothing the forces in Holland and 12 months in Portugal. Pray payment. Signed by 10 persons. 1 *page.*

[Between 1705 and 1710.] 120. Draft of warrant, unaddressed, as to certain lands in the Barony of Maginhiny, in the county of Kerry, concerning which Dame Sarah, relict of Daniel Carthy, *alias* McCarthymore, exhibited a claim on 6 Nov. 14 [Car. II.] It relates to the Manor of Pallace, lands, &c., in Castle lough, Leahard, Calrue, Turpynagh, and Fahy, Aglish, Ballyhabir, Annaghgeile *alias* Annagh, Balstrasny, and Muckenagh, in the county of Kerry. 5 *pages* (*brief size*).

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1705–6. 1. An estimate of the charge of the Office of Ordnance for the year 1706. Signed "C. Musgrave cl. ordñ." 1 *page.*

[? 1705–6.] 2. Estimate of the guards, garrisons, and land forces in England, Jersey, Guernsey, and the plantations, and for sea service; with the charge thereof for the year 1706. 1 *page.*

1705–6. 3. "A scheme of her Majtys severall gardens and plantations, as now kept up, and as each division does require to be upheld, and as undertaken to be kept p Henry Wise." Early in the year 1706, for the contract was to commence from Lady-day 1706. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 2. 4. Letter of the Comrs of Transport to Mr Lowndes as to the examination of Mr Nutin's accounts. Dated 2 Jan. 1705. 1¼ *pages.*

Jan. 2. 5. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of the Governor and Company for smelting down lead with pit coal and sea coal. They found the Company was a body politic for smelting down lead ore with pit coal and sea coal for the preservation of timber. By Act 1 W. & M. they were bound to bring to the Mint all the silver extracted, and her Majesty and her predecessors had granted a mark of distinction to be stamped on the coin therefrom. In five months petitioners had brought eight bars of silver of 55 or 60l wt (pounds weight) each, and were bringing a new bar every three weeks. A warrant was asked for the master and worker to coin the same, with the impression of which they had affixed the draft. Dated 2 Jan. 1705–6. 1 *page.*

Jan. 2. 6. Memorial of Edward Wilcox to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for warrant to cut and enclose 700 acres of wood in the Forest of Dean for six years, as he had proposed on Mr Foley's memorial. Dated 2 Jan. 1705,

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Jan. 2. 7. "Jezreel Jones, his expenses on her Majesties service by virtue of her Majesties instructions of the third day of March 1703–4, and to goe with her Majesties royall letters and presents to the Emperour of Morrocco and his Viceroy, as also with letters and presents from her Majesties ambassadore extraordinary at Lisbon, and with instructions and orders from the said ambassador to negotiate with Alcaid Aly, the said viceroy, to obtain an immediate liberty for provisions and necessarys for Gibraltar, &c., being an account of what charges he hath been at, during the time of his being in Barbary and Gibraltar, and on the voyage from thence, with a letter from the said Emperour of Morocco to her Majesty, which he humbly craveth allowance of."

One of the objects of the presents was to break the measures of the French and Spanish consuls and friars, who had carried a great

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present, to engage Alcaid Aly and the Emperor in their cause, and to hinder the relief of Gibraltar, to redeem all the French and Spanish captives to the number of 1,500 and upwards, &c. The French consuls and friars were sent away the day after he (Jones) arrived, without obtaining the least of their pretentions, and with the answer that when they retook Gibraltar, he (? the Emperor) would treat with them. At the foot is a memorandum that it was sworn to on 5 Jan. 1705.

Minuted:—"2 Jan^ry 1705. Upon his making oath to the truth of these articles the total is to be p̃d on ye ord^r for ext^ry expence at Gibraltar."

There is also copy of a deposition in relation thereto. In the *Minute Book*, vol. 13, p. 176, there is an order to issue to Mr Jezreel Jones 565*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for this service. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 3. 8. Letter by command of the Com^rs of Trade to Mr Lowndes, sending a bill drawn by William Robertson, who acted as receiver general in Virginia on the death of Col. Bird. Dated 3 Jan. 1705–6.

Minuted:—"4 Jan. 1705. Send ye bill back to ye p̃sent gov^r, and direct him to take care y^t ye 50^l be applyd to ye publick service of ye colony & not allowd in ye rec^rs acco^t."

Also the bill, 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

[? About Jan. 4.] 9. Petition of John Vaughan, deputy surveyor of his late Majesty's stables at Kensington, under Mr Bryenne, to the Ld High Treasurer, for the balance of a bill for work there.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Jany 1705/6. My L^d cannot take cognizance of this."

Copy of the report of the officers of works on the bill. 2 *pages.*

[Before Jan. 4.] 10. Copy of letter of Col. J. Dudley [to the Ld High Treasurer]. Acknowledged the receipt of her Majesty's commands as to the pirates' gold which he had lately seized in that province [Massachusetts bay]. Six of the pirates were immediately executed. The rest had her Majesty's pardon, and were, by her gracious commands, put into her service on board the Deptford, attending that province. Never intended to entitle himself to one penny of that treasure without her Majesty's grant, much less that she should bestow it on the province; the people there in no one thing having obeyed her Majesty since his arrival. Was informed that Mr. Carey, who was sent with no instruction but to deliver a packet at the Board of Trade, had petitioned her Majesty for a grant thereof to the province. When he had "improved" the sheriffs and officers in all the counties of that province, to seize the pirates and their effects, he appointed five Com^rs to receive, weigh, and seal every parcel of the gold and other treasure, and no penny of it was ever in his keeping. Had charged five per cent. for himself, being informed that in other plantations 10 per cent. had always been taken, but had withdrawn that charge. Nothing would so well convince that people that he did his duty as the payment to him of part of the treasure in reward thereof. Nothing would prevail with the assembly to settle his salary. If he had not a seat of his own, he could not

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support "the figure" of the government; the assembly acknowledged his care. Hoped for his Lps favour to obtain her Majesty's bounty, and that Mr John Chamberlayne of Westminster might attend his Lp in that affair. Prayed his Lordship's favour in his account for sending Captn Walton's company three years since to Jamaica. They were the first soldiers that ever went out of the province into her Majesty's immediate service. He had troubled Sir Joseph Tredenham with his letters in that matter. The people talked freely against this expedition, and boasted that he was disappointed in that payment. Was fearful it would discourage any such advance for the future, which was the only service of which that populous province was capable to render her Majesty. If he could obtain three or four of her Majesty's ships to go to Port Royal and Quebeck, it would put all the northern provinces as far as Virginia out of any danger of the French for ever. Prayed his Lordship that Mr Constantine Phipps, of the Middle Temple, might attend his Lordship in that affair, whom he had "betrusted" to receive that payment. Hoped the treasure would come safe. Had the hardest province of any of her Majesty's servants abroad, but if serviceable to her Majesty he was rewarded.

Minuted:—"Read 4 Jan. 1705." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 4. 11. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the appointment of Mr Thomas Treasham in another department, his qualifications not being such as to fit him for the accountantship of the distillery. Dated 4 Jan. 1705. 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 4.] 12. "The sums payable by her Majty and the Collls in the West Indies for levy money."

"Dd in by Capt. Cartwright, 4 Jan. 1705." 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 4.] 13. Petition and case of Charles Palmer, craving a bounty sum for his now pressing occasions, in regard to his merit for having long since done a manifest service both to the crown and public.

The service was at the time of the Revolution and of the convention meeting as a parliament at Westminster, and consisted of a proposal to change the excise on coffee, tea, and chocolate, into an impost.

Minuted:—"4 Janry 1705. 10li out of secret service money. Pd." 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 4.] 14. Petition of "Jam. Caldevert" and five others to the Ld High Treasurer. They were captains or lieutts, and went under command of Mons. de Guiscard, Marquis de la Bourlie, for a descent into Languedoc in France, but were prevented by four French gallies. They were forced to swim for their lives, leaving all they had in the "saties" wherein they had embarked. Seeing the men engaged in the enterprise were taken by the enemy, they went into Switzerland and Wirtemberg; pray relief.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Jany 1705–6. My Ld can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

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Jan. 5. 15. "An acct of charges laid out p Mr Lluellyn, late Commissary Genell of provisions to her Majesties forces in Portugal, from the time of his arrival there in the year 1703 to the 5th Janry 1705–6." Petition for payment addressed to the Ld High Treasurer. 1 *page.*

Jan. 5. 16. Letter signed "Cha. Harison" to William Lownds, Esq., asking him to move the Lord High Treasurer on his petition for the good service he did in discovering the silks lately seized by Mr Jenkins. The writer's brother was not likely to recover, being worse than of late with the "stone collicke." Dated Lewes, 5 Jan. 1705.

Minuted:—"Give Mr Harrison 100li out of sec. ser. money in rewd for his service. Pd 22th Janry." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 6.] 17. Petition of John Rayner, Esq., to the Queen. By a Treasury order of 8 Dec. 1699, by command of the King, it was directed that the reversion of the manor and demesnes of Newark, and certain lands in the co. of Nottingham and Suffolk, should be conveyed to Richard Harris, gent., in trust for the petitioner for 1,150*l.*, and at a rent of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, payable to the crown for ever. By the intended grant the reversion was to be charged with maintaining two public bridges, one over the river Trent in the high road from London to York, and a building where the sessions of the peace was held. By reason of certain Acts of Parliament the grant could not be completed without another Act of Parliament. But the agreement was made before the said Acts, and for a valuable consideration; and there was a necessity to build the bridges anew at an expense of 1,500*l.* and upwards, and the petitioner was not obliged by any covenant to do it. If not done it would be a great damage to the subject by stopping the passage of the public road; praying consent to the introduction of an Act of Parliament.

"R. Jan. 6, 1705–6."

Minuted:—"Read & ref. to my Lord Treasurer." 1 *page.*

[After Jan. 6.] 18. "An account of voyages made by two of Mr Dummers sloopes in one year from Gravesend to the Briell in ye winter & to Rotterdam in ye summer months."

Also, "A diary of five packett boats voyages in one year from Harwich to Holland." The last voyage finished 6 Jan. [1705–6]. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 8. 19. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to the importation of goods duty free, by envoys and residents to or from any foreign princes for their own immediate use, the Venetian ambassador having brought certain lace and velvet. Dated 8 Jan. 1705–6.

Also two other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 15 Janry 1705. It was a favor dispenc'd by mistake to ye former ambassador, which afterwards was found not to be consistent wth law." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[? About Jan. 9.] 20. Petition of the Lieut., &c. of the two late marine regiments to the Lord High Treasurer, asking if the 7,202*l.* due to them for

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their arrears was to be satisfied by his Lp, or whether they must apply to parliament. Six signatures.

Minuted:—" 9 Janry 1705–6. When there is mony applicable to this use my Lord will consider them." 1 *page.*

Jan. 10. 21. Report of the Surveyor General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Nath. Reading, Esq., who alleged that he had discovered that many of the revenues were "out of lease," not granted away but unjustly detained, and to which he was willing at his own charge to make out her Majesty's title; and the better to do this, he prayed the power of keeping the courts belonging to the concealed manors, and for such part of the profits of the discovery as his Lordship should think fit.

The surveyor found these consisted of a very large collection of exceptions out of the grant to the city of London, and of leases formerly made of crown lands in divers counties. He advised the petitioner to fix upon a few particulars that he had most assurance of succeeding in, and he fixed upon, (1) several messuages in Wallnut-tree Lane, alias Carter Lane, in St Olaves, Southwark; (2) the manor of East Smithfield (Midd.); (3) the manor of Reddriff (Surrey), with Southwark, St Saviour's, and Bermondsey. The surveyor reports fully what he had found as to these matters, and gives his opinion that if his Lp advised her Majesty to grant all these premises, with the stewardships, to the petitioner for 31 years, in order to his making out the Queen's title, then the old rent of 6*l.* per ann. for the Wallnut-tree tenements ought to be reserved, &c., and to account for the whole he should recover of the improvements within twelve months after such recovery, &c. Dated 10 Jan. 1705.

Also a letter of Mr Henry Shales, auditor, to the above surveyor on the same subject, and the petition. 13 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 22. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting 1,000 oak and 100 beech trees required at Portsmouth by the Comrs of the Navy out of the New Forest. The falling of so many at that time would be much to her Majesty's disadvantage, as they would afford a great quantity of lops, tops, &c., and the country had been lately glutted with windfalls. The underwoods had been directed to be sold to raise money for walling Hyde Park. Sir William Gifford, Comr of the Navy at Portsmouth, by the surveyor's advice, had agreed to receive one half that number. Dated 10 Jan. 1705.

Two letters from the Comrs of the Navy on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 23. Orders and Instructions to be observed by Charles Medlicot, Esq., Commissary General of the provisions for our army in Portugal. Given at the Court of St James's, 12 Jan. 1705. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 24. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on the memorial from the Venetian ambassador, intimating that the Republic had deferred to 1 May next, the laying the new duties on

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currants which should be shipped on English bottoms, equivalent to those laid the last session of Parliament on Venetian shipping, in expectation that the duties might be taken off here. If Parliament thought fit to enter into the consideration of this matter, their (the Com^rs) opinion was it should not be insisted on in favour of English navigation. Dated 12 Jan. 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 15th of Jan^ry 1705." 1 *page.*

Jan. 12. 25. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer touching the payment of the bounty for corn exported, and the addition of a clause to an Act of Parliament. Dated 12 Jan. 1705–6.

Minuted:—"A clause to be prepared."

With this is a draft of "a clause ab^t salt lost, goeing for Ireland," apparently not connected with the presentment. 3 *pages,* 2 *parts.*

Jan. 14. 26. Memorial of the Justices of the Peace of the county of Middlesex to the Ld High Treasurer in favour of the release from prison of Mary Mason, late of St James', Clerkenwell, spinster, otherwise called Mary the wife of Maddistor Jordan, late of the same parish, gent., fined 40*l.* and imprisoned for assaulting and imprisoning Phillis, the wife of Richard Chamblett, which Phillis was taken to the house of one Norman and "blooded," had her hair cut off, and was locked up in a dark room for several hours, on pretence that she was distracted and that the said Norman kept a madhouse, and could cure her of her lunacy. Dated 14 Jan. 1705.

With numerous signatures.

Also the petition of Mary Jordaine, alias Mason, to the above justices. 2 *pages.*

[About Jan. 15.] 27. Memorial of "B. Woodroffe, D^r in Divinity, governor and tutor to her Majesty's scholars the Greek youths, now and for these 6 last years residing in Oxford." Her Majesty had declared that there should be a grant out of the forfeited estates in Lancashire of a provision for the Greek youths, which provision had not yet been made. On the petition of Dr Woodroffe, who had for the last six years been at the whole charge of their maintenance (excepting 400*l.* of royal bounty), her Majesty had expressed her inclination that the Doctor should be relieved of a debt of 600*l.* and upwards owing by him to the Crown. Prays, in consideration of his charges (between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.*), and for the good work itself, that the process for the debt might be stopped till the grant should take effect.

Minuted:—"Read 15th Jan^ry 1705. Stay process till next Michas terme." ½ *page.*

Jan. 17. 28. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to William Lowndes, Esqre, enclosing copy of their report on the petition of Henry Johnson. The report was given to the person who brought the reference to them, but they understood he had stifled and not delivered it to the Treasury. Dated 17 Jan. 1705–6.

The copy of the report referred to, and an affidavit which concerned certain prize white wine sold. 3 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

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Jan. 18. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Aynsworth touching wines in the prize ship Pelican. They had directed an information against him. Dated 18 Jan. 1705–6.
Minuted:—"Approved."
The petition. 2½ *pages*.

Jan. 19. 30. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer as to a clause to be added to the Act then depending, viz., "about English spirits carried coast ways." Dated 19 Jan. 1705–6.
Minuted:—"To be sent to the Com^rs of Excise for their opinion."
1 *page*.

Jan. 19. 31. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on the memorial of the importers and traders in whale fins, sending a clause they had agreed upon to be offered to Parliament in relation to foreign cut whale bone. Dated 19 Jan. 1705–6.
The clause, the memorial, and a letter. 7 *pages*.

Jan. 21. 32. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Ld High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Thomas Foley, son of Mr Paul Foley, as to a contract for cord wood [in the Forest of Dean], advising against his being allowed 10,000 cords, and that Mrs Bovey, who had iron works within the bounds of the forest, Lady Wintour, and Mr White, owners of other works in and near the forest, should not be excluded. If it all fell into the hands of one person the price would be deteriorated. Dated 21 Jan. 1705.
The memorial referred to. 4 *pages*.

[About Jan. 21.] 33. Letter from D. Houstoune, "minister," who "travailled 350 miles with 'the letter' and inclosed from Scotland" to the Lord High Treasurer, apparently asking for a reward for services.
Minuted:—"40^li out of S.S. paid 21th Jan. 1705." ½ *page*.

[? About Jan. 22.] 34. Memorial of Sir Charles Hara to the Lord High Treasurer as to respites on the regiment of Fusileers.
Referred to the Controllers of the Accounts of the army. 1 *page*.

Jan. 22. 35. Memorial of Messrs Buys and Vryberg to the Queen "for the payment of the extraordinaries due to the troops of Saxe Gotha to enable them to march to Italy."
"The Dutch envoys desire likewise the Queen's consent to the payment of two thirds of the allowance for a lieutenant-general to command these troops in Italy." Dated at London 22 Jan. / 2 Feb. } 1705–6.
Also specification of that which the Crown of England owes to the four regiments of Saxe Gotha upon their extraordinaries, in virtue of the accounts made to the Office of Finance of the States General, attested by Mons. the secretary of Slingelandt, for the years 1703, 1704, and 1705.
Further:—A memorial of Brigadier Greffendorff to the Duke of [Marlborough] on the claims of those regiments, pressing on him that during his residence at the Hague he should recommend M^r

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Sweet, the treasurer, to pay these demands. Dated at the Hague, 19 Dec. 1705.

Enclosing a specification of what was paid and what was owing. (*All French.*) 9½ *pages.*

[About Jan. 23.] 36. Memorial with six signatures to the Ld [High Treasurer]. There had been formerly a clock and bell in the New Palace Yard, Westminster, which was very necessary, not only to the Parliament, courts in Westminster Hall, officers in the Exchequer, and to all who had business there, but this structure being demolished, a good large sundial would be a great convenience, set up near the said place, and such a dial they understood was already delineated and prepared for that purpose, if his Lp would encourage so useful and necessary an instrument.

Minuted:—"23th Janry 1705. My Lord is willing to pay the charge of this, provided it do not exceed 20l. Paid." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 23.] 37. Petition of Charles Medlycott, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner had been appointed commissary of stores and provisions in Portugal, and asked for an advance of 200*l.* on his pay.

There are some minutes on the back; the first is on 23 Jan. 1705 and the last is:—"Read 28th Jan. 1705. 91li 10s 0d to be advanced." 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 23. 38. Letter from Mr Savage to Mr Lowndes, enclosing another letter, a petition, and a memorandum concerning the collectorship of the Potomak (or Pocomoke) river, Maryland, desired by Mr. Edward Price. Dated 23 Jan. 1705. 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

Jan. 23. 39. "A list of all accompts of the parliamentary taxes that are passed, and also of those behind and undeclared within the division of Mr Auditor Shales." Examined by the auditor, 23 Jan. 1705. 2 *large pages.*

Jan. 24. 40. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. Thomas Forrest, who was lately imprest and carried on board the Chatham smack near St Katherine stairs, had been examined by the Comrs, and had declared on oath that Captn Gordon, commander of a Scotch ship of war called the Royal Mary, had at several times at night put on shore brandy, wine, &c., at a place called Sally-port, close by Tinmouth Castle, which were landed by Col. Villers and brought to his lodgings and cellars in the castle by his own coach horses and servants; they pray that Forrest may be set at liberty to attend the prosecution. Dated 24 Jan. 1705.

Minuted:—"Send this to Mr Burchet to get him discharged."

With this is also another presentment and a state of the proceedings at law against Col. Henry Villiers, Governor of Tinmouth Castle. Dated 18 June 1706. 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 25. 41. Report of Ld Halifax to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Powell, who had purchased an annuity of 150*l.* per ann. and then wanted instead three orders for 50*l.* per ann. each to settle on his daughters Winifred, Elizabeth, and Ann Powell;

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stating the inconveniences, and suggesting that the original order should be lodged in his office, and the children should take assignments thereof. Dated Exchequer, 25 Jan. 1705.

Minuted :—"Read 13th Apr. 1706. My Lord agrees wth this report."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 26. 42. A monthly account of the cost of postage of letters during the years 1696–1705 for the service of the crown, in correspondence with the envoys, ministers, and consuls. Dated in Venice 6th of Feb., *i.e.* 26 Jan., 1705–6, and signed "p G. Broughton." 4 *pages.*

Jan. 26. 43. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer to the Comrs for Prizes to issue their deputation to Thomas Kirke, John Scudamore, and George Henshaw, as joint Agents for Prizes at Genoa, &c. Dated 26 Jan. 1705–6. 1 *page.*

Jan. 28. 44. Petition of Philip Papillon, cashier to the Rt Hon. Edw. Earl of Orford, late Treasurer of the Navy, for further stop of process till Michaelmas term, when he hoped his accounts would be finished. Dated 28 Jan. 1705. 1 *page.*

Jan. 29. 45. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Robert Livingston of New York as to his claims as Secretary of the Indian affairs. Mr Blathwayt had nothing to object to the payment of Mr Livingston's salary from the accession to 29 Sept. last; but as to another sum defrayed to the garrison at Albany, which the latter asked to have allowed out of the customs and excise on goods imported or exported by him (upon explaining to him the irregularity of his demand), he had receded from it, &c. Dated 29 Jan. 1705–6.

The petition. 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 29. 46. Letter from Mr Wm Squire to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him, in the Duke of Richmond's name, to press his (Mr Squire's) claims on the Ld High Treasurer. His Grace had also undertaken to speak to his Lordship. He asked for 3*s.* a day from 16 Aug. 1704, being the date of his Lps order for him to be employed till further provided for, &c. Dated 29 Jan. 1705–6. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 31. 47. Report of the Controllers of the Army accounts to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Mr John Bingham as to his claims on Lieut.-Col. Ward, deceased, in the West Indies, being his principal creditor. Dated 31 Jan. 1705–6. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 1. 48. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the wine merchants of London concerning the payment of interest on their bonds, and as to their grievances, one of which was that they paid more duties in the port of London than at the out-ports. Dated 1 Feb. 1705–6.

The petition, with numerous signatures and another paper. 3 *pages.*

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1705–6. [About Feb. 1.] 49. Memorial of James Worsley and five other esquires in behalf of themselves and . . . . hundreds others, gentlemen and freeholders, bordering on the New Forest, to the Lord High Treasurer. Being seized of lands on the borders of the New Forest, in the county of Southampton, they claimed in right of the same, estovers out of the woods of the forest, which they and their ancestors had enjoyed time out of mind. Their claims had been allowed at all times by the Lords Justices in Eyre at their several courts. They conceived they had as undoubted a title to the same as any of her Majesty's subjects could have to any estovers they enjoyed; and as the destruction of the woods tended to the great damage of them and their heirs, they represent that the woods of the forest had been exceedingly diminished of late years by warrants under the privy seal, and they had in a great measure lost the benefit of their right to fuel wood. They could not but complain that warrants had lately issued for the fall of the decayed wood to raise money for the repair of the lodges, and to pay salaries to the officers of the forest, and other woods also several times assigned to be cut down for estovers, when there were very great quantities of the stubs and decayed wood lying in the forest, which were blown down by the great storm in 1703, more than sufficient for the purpose, and also for supplying the fuellers' demands for several years. A sale of underwood was at that time ordered for raising 4,300*l.* for building a wall to Hyde Park. If by these means the woods were so far destroyed that those who had a right to estovers were in danger of being utterly deprived of it, they hoped his L^p^ would order that no more be cut down on any account, other than on assignments of fuel wood to [those who] have a legal right. And as to the decayed wood which was blown down, that it might be assigned to such of the fr . . . as had a right to fuel and then wanted it; they paying for cutting the same.

Referred to the Surveyor General of Woods, Trent South, 1 Feb. 1705. 1 *page, the right-hand side gnawed by vermin.*

Feb. 1. 50. Letter of Henry Shales, auditor, to the Ld High Treasurer, laying before him a state of the account of Robert Lucey, Esq., late Receiver of the Temporalties of the Bishopric of St Davids, and certifying that the whole amount due to the crown was 2,038*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* The auditor was a stranger to Mr Lucey's pretences for compensation out of the temporalties of the bishopric during the vacancy, otherwise than what was contained in his petition, case, and affidavits annexed. Dated 1 Feb. 1705.

Four documents annexed. 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 1. 51. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Duke of Ormond. They had considered the vast advantage that had lately arisen to that kingdom by the advancement of the linen manufacture in the north, which was of no manner of consequence seven years before, but by the endeavours of Mr Lewis Cromelin was brought to great perfection. Before he was engaged, what linen cloth was made in the kingdom was wrought in the north, where

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the inhabitants were most inclined to that manufacture; yet it could never have been advanced as it then was but by the endeavours of Mr Crommelin, or some such skilful undertaker, because the inhabitants in the north were entirely ignorant of the art of managing and working flax, spinning the yarn, and whitening the cloth, and were absolute strangers to the looms and other utensils necessary for that work; yet he had made them perfectly masters of the whole art and mystery, insomuch that from cloth of 12 and 15 pence a yard, which was generally the finest made in the country, he had brought them to make linen to that fineness to be worth 8*s.* and 9*s.* the English yard. As this was only done in the north, and the knowledge of this art and mystery was communicated to a people generally Scotch and of that extraction, they would most certainly engross that manufacture to themselves, and never suffer it to come out of that country. They (the Lords Justices) offer it to his Grace's consideration, whether it would not be of the greatest good and consequence to that kingdom if Mr Crommelin could be prevailed on to remove himself and family to the centre of the kingdom, and by settling a colony and erecting this manufacture, it would not soon equally diffuse itself into the other three parts of the kingdom, which was then generally inhabited by English and those of that extraction. Mr Crommelin was willing to remove upon fitting encouragement, and doubted not to bring this manufacture to greater perfection in the south than in the north. Kilkenny (near the centre of the three provinces) he said was a most proper place, as well for the goodness of the air as the water and soil. To settle at Kilkenny he demanded 2,500*l.* in hand, to remove himself, family, looms, and utensils, and to build a bleaching yard there, and an addition of four years to his patent, which had six years to come. As the revenue was not in condition to advance such a sum, he had offered to undertake it if the patent were enlarged to 12 years without any ready money. They hoped the proposal might be agreed to. They had no doubt it would be of so considerable advantage as to answer vastly more than the expense to her Majesty, by the addition of the years desired, besides the great benefit England would receive by it, in taking off many of the hands then employed in the woolen manufacture [in Ireland], which by that means would be so discouraged as to oblige that kingdom to import so much more of the woolen cloths. If his Grace approved, they had enclosed a draft for her Majesty's signature, that the work might be immediately set about. Dated Dublin Castle, 1 Feb. 1705.

The draft referred to is not now with it. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 52. Reply of Mr T. Foley addressed to the Ld High Treasurer to the answer Mr Wilcox had given to his memorial as to the 10,000 cords of wood contracted for by his (Mr Foley's) father. Mrs Bovey had but one or two forges at most, but he was concerned within or adjacent to the Forest of Dean in seven furnaces, besides forges. He did not oppose Mrs Bovey's contracting in proportion to her works. It was plain Mr Wilcox, if he could help it, would not

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admit him to any of the overplus. He thought it no crime to apply directly to his Lordship instead of to him, and hoped he should not suffer for it. He knew not what he meant by his pretending promises to others, unless he designed they should overbalance his Lps promise to him (Mr Foley). Lady Winter's works were formerly supplied by her own woods, which were the most of any private person in that country. She never dealt before for any woods of her Majesty. And considering that lady's circumstances relating to the preseut government, he thought her name would not openly have been made use of. If 7*s.* a cord did not answer Mr White's profit, it would his revenge; he having had an old quarrel with his (Mr Foley's) father. There was not more wood than for the works already there, and the consequence of setting more up would be the destruction of those in being. It was false to insinuate that he designed to engross all the works. He desired that his estate should not be torn from him. Mr Wilcox had not named who the gentlemen were who would be disobliged by his having his former share of the forest wood. He prayed that he might contract according to his memorial. Dated 2 Feb. 1705.

Minuted:—" 7 Feb. 1705. Ordr Mr Wilcox to attend at my Lord Trẽr ho on Fryday morng."

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 13, p. 199, 27 Feb. 1705, is:—" Mr Foly & Mr Wilcox cald in. Mr Foly is to have 8,000 cords in Dean Forrest yearly, for 6 yeares, at 6sh p cord for thorny wood, & 6sh 6*d.* p cord for the better wood, and if in any yeare more be cutt then 12,000 cords, Mr Foly is also to have two thirds of such overplus above the said 12,000 cords at the ye same rate." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 53. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, touching spirits carried coast-ways. Dated 4 Feb. 1705.

Minuted:—" To be read wn ye Comrs Customs next attend." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 54. " Memorial relating to the pretentions of the troops of Lunebourg for the campaign 1705." 6 Feb. 1705–6. 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 55. Letter from Mr Richard Savage to Mr Lowndes, signifying the approval of the Comrs of Customs of the clause touching the interest on merchants' bonds. Dated Custom House, 7 Feb. 1705–6.

The clause referred to. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 56. Report of Mr E. Harley to the Ld High Treasurer, certifying that there was due to the Deputy Chamberlains, for joining and entering tallies relating to the Customs, at the allowance of 2*s.* for every 1,000*l.*, 140*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* Dated 7 Feb. 1705.

Minuted:—" 16 Apr. 1706. Orderd."

Petition from the Deputy Chamberlains. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 57. Order in Council that direction be forthwith sent to the governor and commander-in-chief of the city and garrison of

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Gibraltar, not to permit any duties for ships, merchandize, &c., imported or exported at that port; but that it be free and open for all vessels, merchandize, &c. The port having been declared to be free, duties had been demanded and received. Dated at the Court at St James's, 7 Feb. 1705–6.

[This is a more modern copy than 1706.] 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 58. Order in Council to empower the Board of Ordnance to contract in foreign parts, for the 10,000 muskets for Ireland ordered 5 Dec. last, it having been represented to the Board by the Duke of Marlborough, Master General of the Ordnance, that the stores were much reduced, and the gunmakers could not supply more than 2,000 a month, &c. Dated 7 Feb. 1705.

A letter and a copy of another, of a little later date, in relation to these arms. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 59. Order in Council referring the petition of Elizabeth Wagget, deceased, who prayed, in consideration of her husband's services (who was killed at Badajos), a pension for herself and three daughters. Dated 7 Feb. 1705.

The copy of the petition and a certificate.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 13, p. 242, 10 June 1706, on this petition, is :—"To have 60li p ann. on Mr Nicholas, his list." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 8. 60. Letter from Mr St John to Mr Lowndes, as to additional levy money of 3*l.* per horse for the two dragoon regiments in Flanders. Dated 8 Feb. 1705–6.

Paper containing the particulars. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

Feb. 8 & May 2. 61. Report of the Controller of the army accounts to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Capt. Rogers, as to taking off the respit from his pay from the death of Mr Myvod, late brigadier of the second troop of Horse Guards. Dated Feb. 8. 1705–6.

A brief addendum to the report. Dated 2 May 1706.

The signatures to these reports are crossed through.

Also copy of a warrant. 3 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 8.] 62. Memorial of Rebecca, Viscountess Falkland, to the Ld High Treasurer, for stay of process, and for time to obtain a privy seal in relation to the passing her deceased husband's accounts as Treasurer of the Navy.

Certificate in relation thereto. Dated 8 Feb. 1705. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 11.] 63. Petition of Thomas Gill, late messenger and informer in the Office of Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner had been at the cost of a suit against John Fuller, distiller in Middlesex, who was convicted of having several concealed backs, and fined 600*l.* A moiety belonged to the petitioner. On a writ of error judgment was confirmed for the 600*l.* Asks that his Lp would give judgment in the Exchequer Chamber.

Minuted :—"11th Feb. 1705. My Lord Keeper has put this off till next term." 1 *page.*

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1705–6. [About Feb. 13.] 64. "Abstract of the Duke of Leeds grant" relative to the site of the tenement called Nethercomb, alias Eastcomb, "and several other lands, rents, & tenem^ts contained in the said grant," to be held for 31 years after the death of Katherine the Queen Dowager.
Minuted:—"Read 13th Febry 1705–6." 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 13. 65. Petition of John Parker, Agent for the Prizes at the port of Falmouth, Penzance, St Ives, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer. No embezzlements had been made of her Majesty's goods, but his enemies had represented him as guilty of a crime in letting some of the worthy gentlemen in Cornwall have each a hogshead of claret, first paying the customs, and being ready to pay the price the rest of the wine sold for, which was done before the wines were lotted or tasted for sale. Describes his services, and prays to be appointed a sub-commissioner of the port of Plymouth, and he would do the business of that port, the port of Falmouth, and the rest of the ports in Cornwall.
Minuted:—"Read 13th of Febry 1705. My Lord will speake with Mr Boscawen abt this." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 66. Letter of the Lord Godolphin to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, referring to his Lp for his report the petition of Margaret Blanchevile, praying her Majesty's aid to recover her late husband's estate of about 62*l.* a year in the town and land of Kilmodimoge, in the co. of Kilkenny. Dated 13 Feb. 1705. 1 *page.*

Feb. 14. 67. Warrant from the [Lords of the Privy Council] to the Ld High Treasurer for payment of one year's salary to the under clerks of the Council. Dated 14 Feb. 1705. 1 *page.*

Feb. 14. 68. Certificate in behalf of Mr Arthur Anderson, of London, citizen and haberdasher, who had erected salt works at Blyth, in the county palatine of Durham, and sold the same to one William I'Anson, lately a prisoner in the Fleet. Before he received payment the effects were seized for a debt to the Crown, and I'Anson became insolvent. Anderson asked to be reinstated in the works, paying 600*l.* per ann. Recommending his case. Dated 14 Feb. 1705. 1 *page.*

Feb. 15. 69. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to considerable frauds committed at the port of Liverpool by Edward Scarborough, late collector, John Colquit, late surveyor, and Marmaduke Deane, the controller. Dated 15 Feb. 1705–6.
Five other papers relating thereto.
Minuted:—"25 Feb. 1705. Read." 31½ *pages.*

Feb. 6 and 16. 70. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Ld High Treasurer. The manor and bailiwick of Westminster were granted by the Crown, in trust for John Hall, Esq., for 80 years, from Christmas 1676. Edward Progers, Esq., became entitled to the Great Gate House leading from King Street into the New Palace Yard, and divers messuages, &c., parcel of that manor and bailiwick, &c. The whole remaining interest in the Gate House which was granted to the trustees had become vested in Thomas Lamb,

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merchant, with the reserved rent of 38*l.* per ann. The Gate House, which the justices of the peace for Westminster in their petition desired might be pulled down, to enlarge the passage to the New Palace Yard, was formerly leased by the Crown under the old rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, and 17*l.* of increase, to the house keeper of Whitehall. It had, however, become so old and decayed that little could be made of it but by pulling down and new building, &c. Dated 6 Feb. 1705–6.

Another report from him pursuant to his Lps commands. He had caused an estimate to be made of the value of the Gate House leading into New Palace Yard, with respect to the Crown, as well as to Mr Progers, who had an interest in the same for near 51 years. The estimate was omitted in the above report. The Gate House, with two little rooms built at the south-east corner, he conceived must be taken down to enlarge the passage to 25 feet, the same wideness with the street. Considering the decay and nature of the building, which had been used for a prison, and was then left, and that when the street was carried through to Palace Yard, what would remain of the Gate House ground would be valuable for frontage to Mr Progers's house on one side, and some back ground belonging to the Dog tavern on the other, he could not estimate the damage at more than 300*l.* The reversion belonging to the Crown he valued at two years' purchase (60*l.*), the materials at 200*l.* The stone having lain very long pressed might not prove so well as expected when removed, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1705–6.

The petition referred to.

There is also the copy of the letter which directed the last report to be made, and a copy of the report, with this note :—"This agrees with the entry in the Survr Genlls office."

[The Gate House was not pulled down until 1777. See *Historical Memorials of Westminster Abbey*, by Dean Stanley, p. 403.] 11½ *pages.*

Feb. 18. 71. Letter of Mr Anthy Hammond to [? Mr Lowndes], introducing Mr Chambers, who attended on behalf of Mr Wells, of whom he (Mr Hammond) spoke in the lobby of the House of Commons. Mr Wells' case merited consideration and compassion, he having expended a very great sum under an order of the Ld Treasurer, which would ruin him and his family unless relieved by the Ld High Treasurer. The Ld Keeper was well acquainted with his case. Dated 18 Feb. 1705–6.

Accompanied by "the case," from which it appears Mr Wells obtained from the Ld Keeper a grant of the living of Aldgate, the right to which living the Ld Treasurer had ordered to be tried. Mr Wells applied himself to Mr Borrett, and proceeded to try her Majesty's right, and instead of Mr Borrett furnishing the money, amounting to 553*l.*, Mr Wells had supplied it himself. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 18. 72. "An estimate of the debt of the course of the Navy for three months from the 31 Octobr 1704" [to January]. Dated 18 Feb. 1705.

Similar estimate for the victualling. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 20. 73. Letter of Mr Popple, by order of the Lords Comrs of Trade and Plantations, to Wm Lowndes, Esqre. The Comrs had considered the petition of Thomas Byerly, receiver and collector of New York, as to the prosecution of seizures made in New York. Dated 20 Feb. 1705–6. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 20. 74. "An estimate of the extraordry expence accruing to her Majesty for carrying on the war in Italy for the year 1706." Dated 20 Feb. 1705–6. 1 *page.*

Feb. 21. 75. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the papers transmitted by Col. Edward Nott, Governor of Virginia, containing the proceedings of the council there in relation to her Majesty's revenue. Dated 21 Feb. 1705.

Minuted :—"Read 13th Apr. 1706. Send to Mr Blathwayte to inform my Lord why the ballance due from the exrs of Mr Byrd are not answerd into the Excheqr." 3 *pages.*

21 Feb. 76. "A copy of the order of the Court of Exchequer about Dame Annis à Cleerewell, in Oldstreet, in com. Middx."

A note at the head states that this is among the orders in Hilary term, 4 Anne, 21 Feb. It relates to proceedings about an arrear of 115*l.* demanded from Henry Halstead, clerk, a prebendary of St Paul's, London. 1 *page.*

Feb. 22. 77. Letter from Mr Popple, by desire of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations, to Wm Lowndes, Esq., as to a letter from Mr Caleb Heathcote to the Ld High Treasurer, containing his proposal for providing naval stores at New York. The transmission to him of English goods to the value of 450*l.* for building each ship, according to his proposal, would compel the employment of an officer here to purchase the goods, &c., and he (Mr. Heathcote) was not particular enough as to the iron work necessary for the ships. His proposal to make sail cloth at New York ought not to be encouraged; it would be more advantageous to have it manufactured in England, &c. Dated 22 Feb. 1705–6.

The letter of Mr Heathcote. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 78. "Accot of wt [has been] paid in pt of ye 250,000li for K. of Spain." Dated 22 Feb. 1705. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 79. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on an inquisition taken in Lincolnshire relating to some derelict lands there which James Graham, Esq. had petitioned to have leased to him for 30 years, and on the report of the Surveyor General thereon. Being required by his Lp to give an opinion whether her Majesty had a probable title thereto and might legally lease the same, he certified that it was found by inquisition that the lands therein mentioned were overflowed by the sea flowing into the rivers Trent and Humber. They had become dry land, being left by the sea, and thereby, *primâ facie,* her Majesty had a good title; notwithstanding which, the soil between high and low water marks, where the sea flowed, might be parcel of the adjoining manor, if there were suffi-

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cient evidence to prove the manor extended so far. He found by the annexed report that the tenants of the adjoining manor of Aulkbrough pretended that the derelict lands were part of the manor, and they claimed as such, common in them; and although the lord of the manor waived his pretence to the lands, yet that would not prejudice the tenants (who claimed common therein) from proving them to be part of the wastes of that manor; and the observation in the plan of the ground that there were lands therein mentioned formerly left by those rivers (which had been ever since enjoyed by the commoners as part of the manor, and which were not comprised in the inquisition) made the pretence of the commoners probable, so that he was doubtful if it were worth [the petitioner's while to take the lease desired, if her Majesty would grant the same, &c. Dated 23 Feb. 1705–6.

With this are (1) a previous joint report of the same Attorney General and the Solicitor General, dated 22 Apr. 1703, on the same subject, (2) the petition referred to, (3 and 4) two affidavits, (5) the report of the Surveyor General, dated 6 Dec. 1704, on the same lands, (6) the report made to him by his clerk, Mr Tailer, who had made an actual survey and valuation of the premises, and (7) a carefully prepared plan (somewhat imperfect). 10 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

Feb. 23. 80. Certificate of Henry Shales, auditor, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to whether there was any of the Lord Griffin's estate in charge for the crown, and how much. The estate was in Braybrooke, Northamptonshire. Dated 23 Feb. 1705.

Report of the Attorney General on the petition of Edw. Littleton, Esq., and Sir Henry Gough, executors to Major Walter Littleton, deceased, for satisfaction out of the estate of Lord Griffin, attainted for high treason, viz., as to a debt of 800*l.*, &c.

Four other documents, including the petition.

There are two minutes on the back of these papers. The last is:—"24 Novr 1707. My Lord will speak with Mr Attorney about applying the profits of this estate to all the creditors proporc̃onably." 8 *pages*.

Feb. 23. 81. An affidavit of John Jemmett, of St Margaret's, Westminster, as to frauds committed by some custom-house officers at New Romney. Dated 23 Feb. 1705–6. 1 *page*.

Feb. 25. 82. Petition of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, of London, merchant, to the Lord High Treasurer. After the public store-houses at Jamaica, belonging to the crown, were swallowed up by the earthquake, petitioner's brother hired a warehouse for the public stores, and paid the rent for three years and eight months. The Comrs of the Navy would not pay the charge. They must have either hired such a place or taken one by force, or the stores must have lain in the streets. Asking that the rent might be ordered to be paid.

On the back is 25 Feb. 1705. 1¼ *pages*.

Feb. 25. 83. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, as to a reward to Mr Smith, comptroller of Pool, and Mr

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Bower, collector of Weymouth, for services by them performed in prosecuting smugglers. Dated 25th February 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 25th Apr 1706. Agreed as wthin." 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 25. 84. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Dame Frances Killigrew, widow of Sir Peter Killigrew. Mr Rogers had not been appointed agent to the packet boats at Falmouth in place of the late agent in regard to the private interest of Mr Trefusis. The late agent was removed for indiscreet conduct. The packets constantly cleaned on the Flushing side of the water, the beach being softer and finer than the Falmouth side. The former had lately been much improved by a large key built by Mr Trefusis, to the side of which the packets could come and be cleaned with expedition, and, by the help of cranes, could land and ship their guns, &c. They saw no reason why their agent should be enjoined not to remove from Falmouth. If the passengers preferred Falmouth, it was equally easy for them to go on board there as from Flushing, and for the despatch of the mails to and from Portugal. Flushing was two miles nearer than Falmouth. Dated 25 Feb. 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 21th March 1706. My Lord agrees wth this report." 3 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 25.] 85. Papers relating to a claim made by Mrs Alice Cæsar, afterwards the wife of Mr Higgons, to certain of the land on which Chatham dockyard is built.

Nos 1 to 6 consist of one set of copies of papers, viz.:—

(1.) A petition of John Higgons, gen., in right of Alice his wife, formerly Alice Cæsar.

(2.) Report of the Surveyor General. Dated 18 June 1700. It appears from this that the matter of this title had been in litigation in 1692. The claim was for recompense for three acres of land whereon the docks and buildings were placed. In 1695 witnesses were examined thereon. In 1696 a second examination of witnesses. In 1699 an order in council referred it to the Attorney General, who reported on the case. The report of the surveyor goes deeply into the case and states that the buildings were erected in the time of James I., and the evidence as to title goes back to the year 1627, when Sir Richard Leveson, Knt of the Bath, sold to John Duling of Rochester, gen., in consideration of 1060*l.*, the manor of Westcourt, with the site and very many parcels of land in Gillingham, and three acres of salt and fresh marsh in Chatham, at or near the King's new docks there, late in the occupation of Peter Buck, Esq.

(3.) Order in council, dated 22 Feb. 1699, referring the petition and Attorney General's report to the Comrs of the Treasury.

(4.) The Attorney General's report, dated 3 Feb. 1699. He says it did not appear to him that the inheritance of the three acres claimed was ever conveyed to his Majesty's predecessors.

(5.) Another petition of Alice Cæsar, *alias* Higgins, for the deposition to be heard by the Admiralty and to report their opinion.

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(6.) Report of Sir Ed. Northey, Attorney Genl, dated 7 Aug. 1703, on the previous reports and evidence, and the deeds and depositions. In addition he had caused Mr Lechmore to survey the docks and land there. His (the Attorney General's) opinion was, that the petitioner appeared to have a title to the three acres of marsh land in Chatham, and it was probable that those three acres were in Chatham docks. The suit if carried on would be doubtful, and as the title to the docks was of great consequence, and it would be a charity to the petitioners to put an end to this intricate question, it would be for her Majesty's service to give the petitioners reasonable satisfaction.

(7.) Copy of M[r] Lechmore's letter to the Com[rs] of the Navy sending copy of his report. Dated 15 Jan. 1701–2.

(8.) The copy of his report. He considered the claims groundless, and that his Majesty had an undoubted title to the premises and every part thereof. Dated Jan. 15, 1701–2.

(9.) Letter from Jo. Higgins to M[r] Lowndes. He and his wife were willing to convey to her Majesty the land for principal and interest of 2,500*l.* to be computed from A.D. 1656, with reasonable charges, they having spent 1,000*l.* and upwards in prosecuting the suit. Dated 25 July 1704.

(10.) Letter from the same to the same. If the claim were not settled they must sell to a private hand, who would endeavour to exact the utmost improved value. Dated 31 July 1704.

(11.) The petition of John Higgons, gent., Alice his wife, and four daughters, referring the whole matter to his Lordship. Read "ult. Julij 1704."

(12.) M[r] Higgons's case. It might modestly be presumed that above 100,000*l.* had been laid out on the land, the full advantage whereof belonged to the owner of the soil. After spending 1,000*l.* and several years in prosecuting his right he submitted his case to his Lordship. There are two minutes on the back, the last of which is:—"25 Feb. 1705. The Com[rs] say a state of this case has been made by M[r] Lechmore w[ch] shows the pet[r] has no colour of title. The Com[rs] are to send a copy of that case." 33 *pages.*

[About Feb. 26.] 86. Petition of Lieut. Gen[l] Lumly to the Lord High Treasurer, as to payment for clothing the kettle-drummer and trumpeters of his regiment, formerly Sir John Laniers.

Minuted:—"26 Feb. 1705/6. Granted."

Five other papers on the same matter. 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 26. 87. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to M[r] Secretary Hedges, on the petition of John Travers, Esq., as to the surrender of the letters patent for the office of customer of the city of Cork, and the grant of the same to Philip Crofts, gent. Dated 26 Feb. 1705–6.

The petition and three other documents. 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

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March 1. 89. "Com^rs Prizes presentm^t of Joseph Gyde & Tho. Wood to be agents at Jamaica." Dated 1 March 1705-6.

Minuted:—"Agreed, but direct ye Com^rs to acq^t my Lord what acco^t they have of prizes brought into Jamaica."

Letter transmitting the above. 2 *pages.*

March 1. 90. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, sending an account of what customs were due from the East India Company the 28th Feb. 1705-6. Dated 1 March 1705-6.

The account referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 6th March 1705/6. Send a copy to ye New Comp^a & exhort them to quicken their paym^ts & ye sale of their goods, &c." 2 *pages.*

March 4. 91. Copy of a letter of Mr Jemmett, who was dismissed from some office at the port of Lydd to [? the Com^rs of Customs] bringing various charges against Captain Baker, his man Mr Wombwell, &c. Also as to embezzlements by Mr King. Captain Batson was afraid to complain of Mr King. The great skill of Captain Baker was to bring in to their honours a bill of two or three hundred pounds in a term [with] "allowed by me Henry Baker." He was fair to the owlers, for after he had cast them, he let them owl and smuggle for seven or eight years. It had been a custom formerly if any man spoke against the great Captain Baker, to arrest him with a sham action, as he did Captain Ellesden not long ago. There would be more owlers when Captain Baker had done than when he began. Dated 4 March 1705-6. 3 *pages.*

March 4. 92. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Ld High Treasurer, on the petition of Peter Fabre, a refugee from France, praying a grant of the estate (value 250*l.*) of one Bourdet, a subject of that kingdom, who died intestate, not having any relation. Her Majesty might grant administration to him, or such other as she pleased. Dated 4 March 1705-6.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Apr. 1706. To be laid before ye Queen, & move her Ma^ty to bestow p̣t of this upon some other necessitous refugees.

"Mr Borret being acq^ted that my Lord intended lr̃es of administra-c̃on should be granted to him, says there ought to be an inq^o taken first." 2 *pages.*

[About March 5.] 93. Memorial of Mr William Palmes to the Lord High Treasurer. The many misfortunes he had undergone on account of his son's office, occasioned by the change of the money in 1696, were not unknown to his L^p. The last decree of the Ld Keeper Wright, affirmed against him by the House of Lords, had given the finishing stroke to his small estate, unless his L^p would favour him. He had prepared

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a schedule of fee farm rents, &c., as an equivalent for Cookham and Bray.

The schedule referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 5th March 1705–6. My Lord thinkes these fee farm rents are such as are come to the crown by the death of ye Q. Dowager, and it is too soon to make any application of this kind, because the said Qs execrs have not yet deliverd over the books, papers, & surveys, relating to her said Maty[s] jointure." 3 *pages.*

[? About March 6.] 94. A debtor and creditor account of the Comrs of Prizes made ? about 6 March 1705–6. 2 *large pages.*

March 7. 95. Warrant of the Chamberlain of the Household to John Charleton, Esq., Master of her Majesty's Jewel Office, for the supply of a new silver trumpet to Mr John Seignior, trumpeter to the third troop of guards, who was appointed to attend on the Duke of Marlborough abroad this campaign. Dated 7 March, 4 Anne.

Minuted:—"26th March 1706. Q. wts become of the old one." 1 *page.*

March 9. 96. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld [High Treasurer] on a deposition concerning the running of some East India goods in Ireland out of the ship Anna. Dated 9 March 1705.

Three other documents relating thereto. 5 *pages.*

March 11. 97. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Charles Noden in behalf of Robert Henley, lieutenant to the independent company at Bermudas, who was found guilty of threatening the Lieut Governor of Bermudas, fined 500*l.* and imprisoned. The fine and imprisonment had been remitted. As to the taking off his respit they saw no cause, unless her Majesty extended her compassion still further. Dated 11 March 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Apr. 1706. My Lord agrees wth this report." 1 *page.*

March 12. 98. Letter of George, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to the Lord [High Treasurer]. A great indisposition, for which he was directed to go immediately into the country, had kept him from coming abroad some weeks. This had deprived him of the ordinary opportunity of waiting upon his Lp, and of presenting Bishop Kenn's humble thanks for the bounty received through his Lp. He enclosed Bishop Kenn's letter, and wished to know if his Lordship thought fit to order any part of that royal charity for Bishop Kenn to be paid into his (the writer's) hands before he left town, or whether anyone should be deputed to receive the whole at Lady-day. Dated 12 March 1705–6.

Bishop Kenn's letter. He says he had no title to the continuance of the royal bounty but his Lordship's unmerited goodness to him, which he besought God plentifully to reward, and if his Lordship should forbear to continue it, the discontinuance would not obliterate his (the Bishop's) grateful sense of past favour.

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Indorsed:—"From the Bp of Bath & Wells late and present." 3 *pages.*

March 14. 99. Report of the Comrs for Salt to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the answer of Thomas Stanwix, Esq., to the representation made against him by the Comrs of the Customs and the Comrs of the Salt. Dated 14 March 1705.

Various other papers connected therewith. 39 *pages or parts.*

March 14. 100. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial of Charles, Earl of Arran, asking that respits might be taken off Major la Bastide, "guydon" of the third troop of horse guards, towards defraying the charges his Lp had been at for the loss of horses in that troop, which was under his command; they found no precedent for the same. Dated 14 March 1705–6.

Minuted:—"22 Apr. 1706. It does not seem reasonable, nor can it be done by law." 1½ *pages.*

March 14. 101. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Rider, and the report thereon made by the Solicitor General as to stay of proceedings on a bond, wherein the petitioner became bound for a debt of Edward Lord Griffin. Petitioner's case was very hard and deserved compassion. It relates to claims on the Lord Griffin's estate, the moiety of the manor of Braybrook having belonged to him. Dated 14 March 1705–6.

Copy of the above, with this addition:—

"Read the 10th of June.

"My Lord is willing, upon consideration of these several reports, to move her Majesty that, after some provision made for Lady Essex Griffin out of the within mencõned estate, her Maty will please to lett the other part thereof be applyed to the satisfacc̃on of the creditors, according to their titles with respect to priority of time."

This is further *minuted:*—"Read 5th Aug. 1707. Ref. to Mr Borret to inform himself in ye best manner he can of the severall debts & demands on ye forfeited estate of ye Lord Griffin, and how they stand in respect to priority of time." 6 *pages.*

March 15. 102. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts on the memorial of Col. Southwell in behalf of the late Col. River's regiment, as to respits and levy money of the regiment. Dated 15 March 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Apr. 1706. Ordered according to the report." 2 *pages.*

March 16. 103. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Ld [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Lieut. General Steuart in right of his wife, the Lady Grandison, widow and executrix of Brigadier Villers; praying payment for the services of the Brigadier in Ireland in the late war; deducting poundage and hospital, 633*l.* 13*s.* remained due to him. Dated 16 March 1705–6.

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The petition and a certificate.

Minuted:—"Read 31 July 1706. My Lord knows of no money applicable to this." $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[? About March 18.] 104. Petition of Charlotte Rycaut to the Queen. Her husband, Peter Rycaut, Esq., was a lieut^{t} in my Lord Donnegall's regiment at Gibraltar during the siege, where for his merits his L^{p} promoted him to be captain-lieutenant. Being eldest lieut^{t} at Barcelona "the Prince of Hesse, out of a just esteem for his bravery, distinguished him for the attack of Mount Joyce, where he was killed along with that noble prince." Prays relief for herself and five fatherless children.

At the foot is a certificate of the Earl of Sunderland that she had nothing in the world to live on.

Minuted:—"18 March 1705–6. Some method is under consideracõn for ye support of these widows."

Again:—"10th Sept. 1706. 30^{li} out of sec. ser. mo. paid 13th." 1 *page.*

March 19. 105. Memorial of Mr E. Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer. He had long lain under the misfortune of a losing contract for the packet boats in the Lisbon service. Gives the reasons why it was not successful. Asks that the Postmaster General might pay him for his vessels according to their first valuation, or to direct a new contract to be made with him. Dated March 19, 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Ref. to the Postma^{r} Gen^{ll}." 2 *pages.*

March 19. 106. "Com^{rs} Prizes presentm^{t} of Archibald Cuming to be agent for prizes at Newfoundland." Dated 19 March 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Disposed of." 1 *page.*

[About March 19.] 107. Petition of John Egerton, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer, for the grant of a new lease of a pool or lake called Hatchess more [or Hatchew mere], in the Forest of Mara, and Mondrem or Delamere in the county of Chester, with the fishing. Also the lake or pool called the Fishpool in that forest, a lease of which had been granted by King Charles II. to his father, Sir Philip Egerton, Kn^{t}, deceased.

Referred 19 March 1705–6 to the Surveyor General.

Minuted:—"Read 6th June 1707. My Lord thinkes it reason^{ble} to renew the lease to Mr Egerton, because it would be a hardship to him to grant one to any other person of y^{e} premises."

With this is another paper entitled:—

"The case of John Egerton, Esq., concerning an arrear of rent, claimed by Mr Gilleflower to be due to her Ma^{ty} for Hetchew meer, and the fish poole in the forest of Delamere in the county of Chester." $2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

March 20. 108. Letter from the Earl of Limerick to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Mere necessity obliged him to trouble his L^{p}. The purchasers of his estate "from Lord Athlone" got a decree against him out of "the Chancery of the Exchequer" for making the estate

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over to the registrar of the same court; "by him to be sold in ten days for payment of the purchase money, the Lord Chief Baron himself being the principal purchaser." If by his Lp's (the Lord Treasurer's) intercession he did not get what was due to him from her Majesty to pay off these people, he and his family would be utterly ruined by an usage without precedent to any loyal subject of the crown. He had disbursed against the French in America upwards of 10,000*l.* The interest at 6 per cent. was still due from A.D. 1688. The accounts had been audited three times. A pension of 500*l.* per ann. settled on him by King Charles II. was due since 1688, which would make upwards of 23,000*l.* or 24,000*l.* There was a petition of his before his Lp, for a piece of land in America called Penmaquid. If his Lp would get him a grant of the third or fourth part of the money, with the land, he would quit claim and title to the rest.

He adds this postscript:—"Really, my Lord, it would be better for a man of my opinion to live in Turkey than here." Dated March 20, 1705. 2 *pages, quarto.*

March 21. 109. Petition of Anthony Count Brandé of Bosnia and Hungary, "reformer," to the Ld High Treasurer. Being subject to the Emperor (though of the reformed religion) he had suffered much from the cruelty of the rebels in Hungary, and was deprived of friends and estate. He had been about four months in London. Asks assistance, being almost starving. He desired to go to Catalonia, to venture his unfortunate life under Charles the Third.

Minuted:—"21th March 1705–6. 20li to be given him out of secret service moneys." 1 *page.*

[Before 25] March. 110. Letter from the Ld Lieut. of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer, advising the superseding of Lieut.-Col. William Culliford and Major William Oglethorp, in regard to their infirmities, and the placing them on the list of military pensions in Ireland for 250*l.* each, Lord Mohun's regiment being about to embark for Catalonia. Dated Mar. 1705–6.

"Read 24 Apr. 1706. To be laid before ye Q." 1 *page.*

March 25. 111. Order in Council on reading the report of the Archbishop of York on the state of the French church at Wapping. The report states that this church was set up four years ago by Mons. de la Prade, a French minister, licenced by the Bp of London, at the desire and and for the use of the Jersey and Guernsey people who inhabited at Wapping. They were unacquainted with the English language, and living at a great distance from any French church, could not resort to the public worship of God. Mr de la Prade hired the house where they assembled, for which the people were to pay 10*l.* per ann., and at his own charge he set up a pulpit and built pews to fit it for a chapel or meeting place. For the last four years he had performed the office of minister, preached twice every Lord's day, and hoped at least for a subsistence from the people; but they being very poor, their contributions would hardly

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defray the house-rent, and the minister, so far from getting anything, was 50*l.* out of purse. But for the intercession of Mr Russell, the English minister, the pews and pulpit would have been seized for rent. The congregation consisted of about 50 families (Mr de la Prade says 84, viz., 80 families of Jersey and Guernsey people, and four families of other French). The persons who commonly attended were about 100, and when the seamen were at home about 140. At the first their worship was after the way of the French Protestants abroad, but for the last 12 months they had used the English Liturgy translated into French. The Archbishop was of opinion the church should be kept up, and asks for the royal bounty. The order refers it to the Ld High Treasurer. Dated 25 March 1706.

Minuted:—"2 May 1706. To be laid before ye Q." 3 *pages.*

[March 25.] 112. Accot of the Civil List Revenues for one entire year; to wit, from Lady-day 1705 to Lady-day 1706, and of the payments made out of the same. 2 *pages.*

March 26. 113. Report of Mr J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the pay of Major Genl O'Farrell, Brigadier Montandre, Col. John Richards, and Adjutant General Lundie, who served as general officers in the King of Portugal's army, the deduction of which the King would not allow out of what was to be paid to the 13,000 Portuguese troops. Dated 26 March 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 26th Mar. 1706. My Lord thinks the best way for the bearing of this charge will be to add so much to the contingt on the establishmt for the forces in Portugal." 1 *page.*

March 26. 114. Certificate of Mos. Giraudeau of the allowances payable on the establishment of the Treasurer of the Chambers office to the Master of the Buckhounds. Dated 26 March 1706. 1 *page.*

March 27. 115. Letter of Thomas Langhorne to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the bills drawn by the former. Dated "Genoua," 27 March 1706. 1 *page.*

March 30. 116. Memorial of J. Brydges to the Ld High Treasurer, as to 26,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid to the Duke of Savoy. Dated 30 March 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 30th Mar. 1706. Sr Theod. Janssen will give his bills for this remittance to go by next Tuesday's post at 59½d p crown, and will bring his proposall in writing to ye Trery to-morrow in order to be entred, my Lord having agreed thereunto." 1 *page.*

March 30. 117. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the minister, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of the parish of Porchester, in the county of Southampton, representing that in the Dutch war their parish church was made use of by King Charles II., together with Porchester Castle, for securing prisoners of war, and it was by them set on fire and the greatest part ruined. With hard shift divine worship had been celebrated in part of it until lately, but it had become so ruinous that it could no longer be used until new built or repaired at an expense of 400*l.*,

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which the poor parishioners were unable to raise. About 50 loads of timber would be required, worth about 125*l.*, which might be cut in the forest of "Bier;" but the timber was fit for the navy, and he advised that money should be given instead of timber. The money might be raised in Windsor Forest by sale of old dotard and decayed trees fit for nothing but fuel, and which the neighbouring people were daily cutting down. Dated 30 March 1706.

The petition referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Septr 1706. To be laid before ye Queen." 2 *pages.*

March 30. 118. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts to the Ld High Treasurer, on a memorial of Col. Hans Hamilton, relating to the off-reckonings of his regiment lately commanded by the late Lord Lucas. Dated 30 March 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Apr. 1706. My Lord agrees to this report." 2 *pages.*

March 31. 119. Letter from W. Houstonne* to the [Lord High Treasurer], asking that Mr Taylor might be ordered to pay him two years of subsistence, being in continuation of 40li annually remitted and paid for 15 years, "nemini notum," save one or two select persons about their Majesties.

Minuted:—"Orderd 31 March 1706. 40li out sec. services." Pd 1st April. 1 *page.*

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April 1. 1. "Abstract of respitts to the 23th of Decemr 1705, for some regts, and to the 24th of Febry for the guards & garrisons." Dated Pay Office, 1 April 1706. 1 *page.*

April 1. 2. Copy of "report on the memorial of Colonel De Lalo, touching a detachment of 200d men out of his regt into Col. Handasyd's regimt for ye West Indies." Dated 1 April 1706. 1 *page.*

April 5. 3. An affidavit of John Jemmett, gent., as to a proposal made by Mr King for 20 guineas to save his (Jemmett's) employment. Certain brandy was seized and carried to King's warehouse in New Romney, of which he could get no account. Dated 5 April 1706. 1¼ *pages.*

April 6. 4. Memorial of the Cofferer of the Household to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that 2,500*l.* might be paid to him. Dated St James's, 6 Apr. 1706.

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* Query the Hewson, whose real name was Houstoun, referred to in *Macauley's History of England*, Vol. III., p. 196, note.

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Letter of the Board of Green Cloth to the Ld High Treasurer on the same subject.

Minuted :—" 13th Apr. 1706. Orderd." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

April 12. 5. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Duke of Ormonde, as to a warrant for Captain Morris's 150*l.* out of military contingencies. At the next meeting of the council a motion should be made in favour of Mr Hullin. What his grace desired as to a licence for Captain Cornwall, who held a patent office in that kingdom, to continue in England for four or five years, was not usual. Sir Richard Vernon's and Major Butler's commissions should be disposed of as his grace directed. In the enclosed his Grace would see a particular account of the drafts given to the three regiments lately embarked at Kinsale for Catalonia, &c. Dated Dublin Castle, 12 April 1706.

Accompanied by an account of the men detached out of several regiments to complete the three regiments of foot commanded by Lord Dungannon, Lord Mohun, and Col. Toby Caulfield, on their embarkation. 4½ *pages.*

April 13. 6. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to Sir Charles Hedges, on the petition of Major Edmund Power, as to what was due to him and his troop when it was "broke" some time after the siege of Limerick. His grace's opinion was that the debt claimed was due to him, and that he should have applied to parliament as Col. Rice did last session. He had such a good character of the major, that he might deserve to be put on the list of half-pay officers at 4*s.* a day, until otherwise provided. Dated 13 Apr. 1706.

The petition and copy of a warrant. 4 *pages.*

April 15. 7. Letter from Col. Philip Howard to the Lord High Treasurer. He had for a long time wanted all manner of necessaries belonging to the meanest life, but now the Lord Berkshire being dead, he hoped his Lordship would consider him and his family as his relations, and that there was a decency to be performed, which the housekeeper's place would not afford. Dated Apr. 15.

Minuted :—" 16 Apr. 1706. 100^li out sec. ser." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About April 16.] 8. Petition of Charles Kickesies, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer, for 100*l.* per ann. to be added to his pension. The allowance of 100*l.* per ann. was so low and inconsiderable, that it lessened the credit of his debt, and might influence parliament rather to continue him on the establishment than pay 1,997*l.* 4*s.* the principal money. He had faithfully served her Majesty in the parliament of Ireland, as appeared by the Duke of Ormonde's letter.

Copies of the Duke of Ormonde's and Lord Nottingham's letters on the same subject.

Minuted :—" 16th Apr. 1706. My Lord will speak wth the D. of Ormonde." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

April 16. 9. "Auditors of imprests rep^t about a warr^t for allowances on Mr Howes acc^t." Dated 16 April 1706. 1 *page.*

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[? About April 16.] 10. "An acco^{t} of ye disposic̃on of tallies on low wines received on account for guards, and 5,000^{d} men, &c^{a} for the service of the year 1705."

Minuted:—"Read 16 Apr. 1706. Orderd as in ye the Minute Book." 2½ *pages.*

April 16. 11. Letter of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to Mr Taylour as to certain wine sold to Capt. James Clarke. They desired to proceed at law against Mr Glover in relation thereto. Dated 16 April 1706.

Minuted:—"17th Apr. 1706. My Lord agrees that the Com^{rs} go on wth their prosecution."

Copy of the Com^{rs} report on the same subject. Dated 28 Nov. 1705. 2 *pages.*

April 16. 12. Letter from Sir Charles Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an extract from Ambassador Methuen's letter for consideration. Dated Cockpit, 16 April 1706.

The extract referred to, viz., as to the sailing of the convoy and a ship with stores, &c., which Lord Galway ordered to be bought for the works at Gibraltar; also as to the payment for the same. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

April 17. 13. Certificate signed "Rich. Savage" as to Edward Wardour, Esq., a landwaiter, and afterwards a land surveyor in the port of London. Dated 17 Apr. 1706.

On the dorse is:—"He was once a land-waiter, afterwards a land surv^{r}, but being much incumbred wth debts was forced to leave that imploym^{t}, was afterw^{ds} put into ye Charter H^{o}, and is now in ye 35^{li} p an. list of tydesmen; but doth no duty." ½ *page.*

April 19. 14. Copy of "an act for advancement of trade and erecting ports and towns in the province of Maryl^{d}." At end is her Majesty's assent thereto on April 19, 1706. 21 *pages.*

April 19. 15. Report of the Controllers of the army accounts to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the memorial of Col. John Livesay, as to allowance for clothing the regiment, &c. Dated 19 Apr. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Apr. 1706. My Lord agrees to this rep^{t}." 2 *pages.*

April 22. 16. Memorial of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, for money to be ordered for the building a bridge at Datchet, timber having been felled in Windsor Forest and drawn for that purpose. Dated 22 April 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Apr. 1706. 500^{li} to Mr Roberts paymar of Windsor upon acco^{t} towards the charges of building a bridge at Datchet, and to be paid over according to such ord^{rs} or significac̃ons as he shall receive from Saml Travers, Esqre, surv^{r} gen^{ll}, for the service aforesaid." 1 *page.*

[About April 22.] 17. Memorial of Ensign John Folliott of the Coldstream Guards to Prince George of Denmark, Ld High Admiral. In defence of Gibraltar he received two dangerous wounds, and was eight months

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under the surgeon's hands, who advised him to come to "the Bath." On his passage he was taken prisoner and barbarously used. He was three months prisoner in France, and came to England on parole for the cure of his wounds. He had languished 15 months, and as yet had no hopes of recovery; praying intercession with her Majesty for her bounty.

Referred to the Secretary at War. 22 April 1706. ¾ *page.*

April 23. 18. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer as to the supply of 10,000 muskets to Ireland to be contracted for by the gunsmiths of Holland, and as to the payment for the same. Dated 23 April 1706.

Minuted:—"A warrt to be prepared for this out of the revenue of Ireland at large."

Copy of letter of the officers of ordnance on the same subject. 3½ *pages.*

April 23. 19. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Mr Bourchier had come to England and attended the auditor to pass his account for money for purchase of horses; there was a balance due to the revenue of Ireland for that service of 431*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*; asks that it might be paid. [*Minuted:*—"Agreed."] His grace thought he deserved 150*l.* for recompence. [*Minuted:*—"Agreed."] He also recommends the case of William Jemmet, Esq., collector of Cork, who had attended the embarkations from Cork. The Duke advises that he should have 60*l.* out of contingencies for the Portugal service.

[*Minuted:*—"Agreed if the Comrs Transports think it reasonable, & to be ref. to them."] Dated Whitehall, 23 April 1706. 1 *page.*

April 23. 20. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Ld High Treasurer about the charge of shipping from Ireland the regiments of Lord Mohun, Lord Dungannon, and Col. Caulfield, and the detachments of 900 men from the regiments of Col. Wynne, Col. Lillingston, and Col. Lyell. Dated Whitehall, 23 April 1706.

The minutes are in the margin. 3 *pages.*

April 23. 21. Memorial from the same to the same. For the better disciplining the troops in Ireland they had been made to encamp for the two past years. Two majors of brigade had been employed for the same, viz., Col. George Freke and Col. Brudenall. Recommending the allowance of 250*l.* between them. Dated 23 April 1706.

Minuted:—"Agreed to & a wt to be prepared accordingly." 1 *page.*

April 24. 22. Letter from Mr. Thomas Hewett, Surveyor of Woods, Trent North, to John Taylour, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers, as to claims of the Verderers of Fee Trees. Including several queries about the same. Dated 24 April 1706. 2½ *pages.*

April 27. 23. Commissioners of Prizes' presentment for James Smith to be agent for prizes on board the fleet in the Mediterranean, with

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informations against Mr Marke Proudfoot, the late agent. Dated 27 Apr. 1706.

Also two papers as to Mr Proudfoot's malpractices. 3 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

April 29. 24. Letter signed "Hen. Cartwright" to John Taylor, Esq., for the Lord High Treasurer's direction as to certain tallies in payment of Sir Theodore Jansen's bills of exchange for the Duke of Savoy's subsidies. Dated Whitehall, 29 April 1706.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page*.

April 30. 25. Memorial from the same asking his Lps directions as to certain "subsidies" to the King of Prussia, the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, the Elector of Treves, and to the Elector Palatine. Dated 30 April 1706. 1 *page*.

[About April 30.] 26. Petition of Sir John Crew, chief forester in fee and bailiff of Her Majesty's Forest of Delamere, in the county palatine of Chester, to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner and his ancestors had held the same office for 500 years and upwards. King Charles II. granted to his father the fishing of the forest. There was a pool therein called Fish Pool, the banks of which were cut down in the civil wars, the petitioner repaired the same and stored it with fish. There was another pool called Hatchew Mere. Sir Ph. Egerton, Knt, by surprise obtained a grant of these pools in 1678 for 31 years; prays that no lease of these pools might be granted without hearing the petitioner.

This was on 30 April 1706 referred to the Surveyor Genl.

Minuted:—"Read 6th June 1707. My Lord thinkes it is reasonble to renew the lease to Mr Egerton, because my Lord thinkes it would be a hardp to him if a lease of the premisses should be made to any other person."

"This to be read with Mr Surveyrs report on Sir John Egerton's peticon." 1 *page*.

May 1. 27. Letter from Mr Secretary Hedges to the Ld High Treasurer as to Mr Broughton's bills and what he had expended in forwarding letters and packets into Italy and for subsisting seamen. Sending also extract of a letter of 11 Feb. from Col. Dudley, Governor of New England. Dated 1 May 1706.

Letter from Mr Broughton to the Ld High Treasurer as to passing his accounts. He had spent above 4,000*l*. of his own in the public service. He had often been suspected by that senate, and had presented several sharp memorials with commands from court, &c. Dated Venice, 16 June 1705.

Minuted:—"16 May 1706. Acquaint Mr Secry Hedges with my Lord's last answer to Mr Broughton's application." 3 *pages, quarto*.

May 1. 28. Presentment of the Comrs of Prizes for William Rock, Esq., the judge advocate on board the fleet, to be joined with Mr Smith in the agency in the Mediterranean in the room of Mr Mark Proudfoot. Dated 1 May 1706.

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Minuted:—"Read 2 May 1706. A warrt to be prepared accordingly & that to Mr Smith to be vacated." 1¼ *pages.*

May 2. 29. A state of the debts of the kingdom of England. Dated 2 May 1706. 2 *pages.*

[About May 2.] 30. Petition of Richard Elford, gentleman of her Majesty's Chapel, to the Ld High Treasurer. Her Majesty had granted him a pension of 100*l.* per annum as an additional allowance in consideration of his constant attendance on her Majesty Asking for a warrant to render the grant effectual.

Minuted:—"2 May 1706. To be laid before ye Q." 1 *page.*

May 2. 31. States of the revenue, public income, and debts of the kingdom. Dated 2 May 1706.

These are drafts much corrected. Of the first there is a fair copy. 25 *pages.*

May 2. 32. Report of the Surveyor General to the Lord High Treasurer. He had contracted with the corporation of Windsor for the purchase of their mills in "Under Ove" for 650*l.*, and the conveyance was ready for execution. For fees, &c., 750*l.* might be sufficient to be issued. Dated 2 May 1706.

Minuted:—"Orderd accordingly." 1 *page.*

May 3. 33. Memorial of Mr Henry Cartwright to the Ld High Treasurer, for money for bills of exchange accepted by him. Dated 3 May 1706.

Minuted:—"Orderd as soon as any mo." 1 *page.*

[? About May 3.] 34. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer. It was nearly a year since he gave in his memorial to his Lp, setting forth that he had delivered in to the auditor of imprests his accounts as Paymaster General of the forces. He had been at great expenses about the same. He acknowledged the receipt of 1,000*l.*, and asked for further allowance as he could not disband his clerks till the accounts were passed.

Minuted:—"Read 3 May 1706. Send to the audrs to examine these allegacons & to certify my Lord in what forwardness these accots are, and whether the necry attendance be given by the accountant, in order to the passing the same." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 3. 35. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, touching the dragoons of the regiment of the Rt Hon. the Earl of Essex quartered in Kent. The dragoons were quartered there to assist in preventing exports of wool and imports of silk. Dated 3 May 1706.

Minuted:—"11 June 1706. If this doth not exceed wt was intended by Her Mts warrt of 11th Aug. 1703, it is to be pd out of Civil List mo & a wt to imprest the same to Mr Baker accordingly."

Eight other documents relating to the same. 17 *pages.*

[? About May 6.] 36. Petition of Henry Ballow and John Smith, Deputy Chamberlains for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer, to the Ld High

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Treasurer, for a warrant to the auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, to cause an order to be drawn in payment for their pains.

Certificate of the Deputy Chamberlain in relation thereto. Dated 6 May 1706. 2 *pages.*

May 6. 37. State of the debts of the kingdom of England. Dated 6 May 1706.

This is in triplicate with some slight variations. 12 *pages.*

May 7. 38. Memorial from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the difficulties between the East India Company and the powder makers, about settling the refraction of the 1,000 tons of salt petre. The state of powder was at that time very low and it was absolutely necessary they should have the "peter."

They remind his Lordship of the debt of 8,470*l.* 6*s.* due to this office from Ireland for stores, that directions might be given to have it paid. Dated 7 May 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 8th May 1706. My Lord will considr wt mo is owing by the East Inda Compa." 1 *page.*

May 7. 39. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer. Process had been issued against them for not passing their accounts. They conceived the extraordinary care taken by them would have prevented any such particular direction. They laid the state of the accounts before his Lordship, and observed they were little in arrear, and in greater forwardness than they had been for several years. Dated 7 May 1706.

Three states of the excise in corroboration. 4 *pages.*

May 8. 40. Cofferers memorial for 500*l.* for the charges of entertaining the Morocco Ambassador during his Excellency's stay in England. Dated 8 May 1706. ½ *page.*

May 8. 41. Memorial of the Officers of Works to the Ld High Treasurer, as to a petition for building the clock house in Scotland Yard; praying that the Officers of Works might be heard before a grant was made. Dated 8 May 1706. ½ *page.*

May 9. 42. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, as to a method proposed by Wm Polhampton to prevent fraudulent drawbacks on tobacco. Dated 9 May 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 2d July 1706."

Two other papers. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 10. 43. Letter of C. Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing the petition of Major Edmund Power, and the report thereon of the Duke of Ormonde, for his Lps consideration and directions. Dated Cockpit, 10 May 1706.

The petition and report are not now with it.

Minuted:—"My Lord says this doth not come regularly before him." 1 *page, quarto.*

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May 10. 44. Letter of Mr Richard Savage to Mr Lowndes, sending copy of the report of the Comrs of Customs on cut whalebone. Dated 10 May 1706.

The copy referred to, and another paper on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

May 10. 45. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the provision of salt petre and lead for the Duke of Savoy. Dated 10 May 1706. 1 *page.*

May 10. 46. Report of the Controllers of Army Accounts on the memorial of Mr John Moore of Dublin, merchant, as to a dispute about clothing money, advised to be referred to the Attorney General. Dated 10 May 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 18th June 1706. The partys have agreed this matter amongst themselves, as is alledged by Mr Moore." 2 *pages.*

May 13. 47. Certificate of Anthony Anderson, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the Lord High Treasurer, that Henry Andrews, Esq., late sheriff of the county of Bucks, had paid William Nicholls and others 80*l.* for apprehending Matthew Marsh and Edward Burchall, robbers on the highway. Dated Pipe Office, 13 May 1706. 1 *page.*

May 13. 48. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, advising that Mr James Dambon, who was upon the list of French pensioners in Ireland, and was desirous of trying his fortune in Portugal, might resign his pension to the Marquis de Pechels, his relation. Mons. Dambon had already made one campaign as a volunteer. Dated Whitehall, 13 May 1706. 1 *page.*

May 13. 49. Two memorials of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the method of raising a regiment of dragoons, to be commanded by Lord Skerrin. The horses must be bought in England, Ireland not affording such as were proper. The last is dated 13 May 1706. 3 *pages.*

[About May 14.] 50. Petition of John Bridger to the Queen. Petitioner had been made Surveyor General of all her Majesty's woods in America, and was required to instruct the people in the way of raising naval stores; prays for an advance of two years' salary, and to be continued in advance; and 50*l.* a year for a clerk, as he had to report his proceedings to the Ld High Admiral, the Lord High Treasurer, the Principal Secretary of State, and the Comrs of Trade.

Referred to the Lord High Treasurer 14 May 1706. 1 *page.*

[About May 15.] 51. Reports, &c. concerning the purchase of Cotton House and gardens at Westminster for the accommodation of the public library there:—

(1st.) Of Mr Lowndes, who recommended the purchase of the fee simple for 4,000*l.* Dated 13 May 1706.

(2nd.) Address of the House of Lords to her Majesty, recommending the purchase of the same, their Lps being desirous that so

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great a treasure of books and MSS., so generously given for the public service, should not remain any longer useless, and in danger of perishing for want of due care. The last proposal of Sir John Cotton was higher than the surveyors judged reasonable, but the whole advantage would come to the family, who had given this great treasure of books to the use of the public. In the early part of this address it is stated that a committee to consider of keeping records, had reported that nothing had been done to make the library useful to the public; there was no passage to it set out, so that no persons could resort to it; there was no library keeper appointed to inspect and take care of the MSS., nor any orders or rules appointed for the reading or using the same. The place wherein the library was contained was a narrow little room, damp, and improper for preserving the books and papers. There was only one window at each end, and the arch over one of them in a ruinous condition and ready to fall, as was also the arch upon which the room was built.

(3rd.) Representation of Sir John Cotton, Bart. He was willing that the house and gardens should be leased to her Majesty at such yearly rent as should be agreed upon.

(4th.) Report of S. Travers and Sir Chr. Wren. They thought 200*l.* a year might be a reasonable rate. It would be better to purchase at 4,000*l.*, but this must be by Act of Parliament, as the estate was entailed.

(5th.) Estimate by Sir John Cotton of the value of the same. Proposes that 400*l.* per annum should be paid. The ground was capable of great improvements by its near situation to the two Houses of Parliament, where convenience might be made for the accommodation of members of Parliament, by building a square, which might contain 24 houses. The gentlemen of the House of Commons might go directly out of Parliament house into their lodgings.

(6th.) Further representation of John Cotton, Bart., offering to sell the property for 5,000*l.*

Minuted:—"15th May 1706. Shew this to the proprietors. Communicaced to 'em 16th d° They insist on 5,000^{li}, and will not sell under y^{t} sum." 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About May 15.] 52. Memorial of Walter Lord Blantyre to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of an arrear of annuity of 1,000*l.* due to Frances, Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lennox.

Minuted:—"15th May 1706. The condic̃ōn of ye Queen's revenues is such, as will not permit her at present to consider this arr^{re}." 1 *page.*

May 16. 53. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer a report of the Lord High Admiral made on a previous Order of Council, as to a pension or yearly allowance to the widow of Col. Rodney, who was killed in Catalonia. Dated 16 May 1706.

The report mentioned and the order referring the matter to the Lord High Admiral. 3 *pages.*

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May 16. 54. A proportion of ordnance stores, &c. for a train, consisting of 40 pieces of ordnance and six mortar pieces. Dated 16 May 1706.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye Q." 9½ *pages.*

May 16. 55. Petition of Peter Hume, Thomas Cremer, and the executrix of Thomas Cremer, deceased, to the Ld High Treasurer, for a warrant for arrears of salary for examining vouchers paid on annuities at the Exchequer, and for future payment. Dated 16 May 1706.

There is a minute on the back settling the method of payment. 1 *page.*

May 16. 56. Report of the [Com^rs^] of Chelsea Hospital to Mr Taylor, on the petition of Mons. Dubourdieu, praying to be established a chaplain at Chelsea College. The hospital had two chaplains according to the establishment, and no other provision could be made for him in the hospital, there being no contingencies, and the revenue was not sufficient to defray the expense. Dated 16 May 1706.

Minuted:—"July 31th 1706. Read."

The petition referred to. (*French.*) 3 *pages.*

May 17. 57. Letter signed, A. Maynwaring [? auditor of imprest]. He enclosed the draft of a warrant for allowing Mr How 1,400*l* payable to the Earl of Donegall, and had no objection to her Majesty's signing it. Dated 17 May 1706. ½ *page, quarto.*

May 17. 58. Report of the Surveyor General to the Ld High Treasurer, on the annexed case of the Duke of Grafton. The forest of Whittlewood (Northamptonshire) passed 17 Car. II. to Denzill, Lord Holles, &c. for 99 years, in trust for the late Queen Dowager during her life, and afterwards in trust for the crown. King Charles II. in his 19th year granted her the power of naming, removing, &c. all officers in the forest. The same king in his 32nd year granted the office of Master Forester of Whittlewood to Henry, Earl of Arlington, for life, the remainder to Henry, Duke of Grafton, and his heirs male. The Queen in the 33rd year granted the office to Lewis, Earl of Feversham, for life. The Attorney General had been consulted as to these grants, &c. The value of the office desired by the Duke of Grafton, Mr Wilcox thought, would not exceed 250*l.* per ann. clear of all charges of inferior officers. The place of Master Keeper he heard had been sometimes sold. As to the coppices in the forest (3,526 acres), he advises that care might be taken to prevent the like damage to the crown, as happened by the grantee in fee of the coppices in Rockingham Forest, where the crown's title was in danger of being lost. Mr Attorney seemed to take both the Lord Feversham's and the Duke of Grafton's title to be invalid, and he (the surveyor) was of opinion the grant of the office was a matter of favour in her Majesty. Dated 17 May 1706.

The case referred, to and the reply of the Duke of Grafton to the above report, signed by him.

Minuted:—"7 Nov. 1706. Lett an abstract be made of all y^t^ relates to this in ye severall reports to be laid before ye Queen." 9 *pages.*

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May 17. 59. Memorial of Mr Henry Cartwright to the Lord High Treasurer, for an order for 250,000*l.* for subsistence of Charles Hotham's and Col. Soames' regiments of foot. Dated Whitehall, 17 May 1706.

Minuted:—"23 May 1706. Orderd." ½ *page.*

May 18. 60. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the appointment of Sir Barnabas Scudamore to the collection of Liverpool, instead of Edward Scarborough, detected of notorious frauds, and since deceased. Dated 18 May 1706. 1 *page.*

May 20. 61. Letter from H. Bp of London to Mr Taylor at the Treasury, applying for payment of an advance of six months' salary to the chaplain appointed by her Majesty to reside with the consul at Algiers; asking that he might be despatched as he was to go with Sir Cloudesly Shovell. Dated Fulham, 20 May 1706.

Minuted:—"4 June 1706. Give him 50li out of sec. ser. mo and write to the secry that her Maty being pleased to allow 100li a year to this chaplain for ye future, he is desired to acquaint the consul therewth, and that if he inserts it in his bills of extrys it shall be allowed to him. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 20. 62. Letter signed "Edw. Wardour" to the Ld High Treasurer, asking to be made clerk or register of the tide surveyor's office. Says he was a gentleman born and had possessed a plentiful estate. The Duke of Leeds had recommended him, and he had served in the Custom House 14 years. Dated 20 May 1706. 1 *page.*

May 20. 63. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an account of what was owing from the East India Company for customs on goods imported. Dated 20 May 1706.

Also the account.

Minuted:—"Read 21th May 1706. Send to ye Comrs Cust. to hasten the compa to pay what is due from them." 2 *pages.*

May 20. 64. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the proposal and claims of Mr Newman for improving the revenue of Excise, particularly the distillery branch. He would not present his proposal unless he received a reward for services already rendered. They hoped that if any further matter relating to these revenues were discussed, it might be in their and his Lps presence, when his Lp would see that this gentleman knew little or nothing of the matter. Dated 20 May 1706.

Three letters relating to the same subject; one is dated two days later. 5 *pages.*

May 21. 65. Letter of the Duke of Leeds to the Ld High Treasurer, enclosing and recommending the petition of Rebecca Paulden, widow of Captain Thomas Paulden, for the continuance of the pension of 50*l.* per ann. granted to her husband for his eminent service in taking Pontefract Castle. The widow was 80 years of age, and

would starve without the continuance of her Majesty's charity. Dated 21 May 1706.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

May 21. 66. Letter of the Com^rs of Prizes to John Taylour, Esq., as to the produce of Spanish vessels taken as prize, and the shares of the officers of the men-of-war. They would report as soon as they were enabled by Mr Ellis Terrell, agent for prizes at Lisbon, sending the account. Dated 21 May 1706. 1 *page.*

May 22. 67. Report of the Com^rs for Duty on Salt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sir John Delaval, Bart., for consideration of the great charge to which he and his father had been put in building and repairing a pier at Seaton Delaval (Northumberland) for the benefit of trade, and upon the report of the Com^rs of Customs thereon. The duties of salt delivered at Seaton Delaval for some years past had amounted to 5,000*l.* a year, but the duties on salt in general were not advanced by the number of salt pans at Seaton, for the vessels that loaded salt there might as well be supplied from other places on the coasts of Durham and Northumberland, where the salt works were very numerous. It was not a sufficient ground for any allowance to be made towards the building or repairing the pier, in respect of advantage to the salt duties. Dated 22 May 1706.

Six other documents connected therewith. One is "an accompt of the charges in building the new piere att Seaton Sluce." 9 *pages.*

May 24. 68. Memorial of Henry Cartwright to the Ld High Treasurer for payment of troops. Dated Whitehall, 24 May 1706.

Minuted:—"24th May 1706. Orderd all but the subsidy to Denmarke." 1 *page.*

May 28. 69. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to a memorial delivered to his L^p by Thomas Steele, Esqre, and to the dismissal of Arnold Browne, Esq., agent for prizes, in whose place Joseph Gyde and Thomas Wood, Esq^res, had been appointed as agents for prizes at Jamaica. Dated 28 May 1706.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

[About May 29.] 70. Application for the grant of the office of Collector of Customs in the port of Newcastle to Mr John Bell.

Minuted:—"Read 29th May 1706. There is a rule establishd that no body shall be appointed a coll^r who has not been bred to clerkship in ye Cust^o house."

Letter thereon. 2 *pages, quarto.*

May 31. 71. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Highmore, her Majesty's serjeant painter. There was due to him 163*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* for painting in the gardens at Hampton Court. Dated 31 May 1706. ¾ *page.*

May 31. 72. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Burnaby, Esq., as to the time he was paid

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as sub-commissioner for Hull. Mr Gosselin, formerly one of their number, directed to go on board the fleet, was prevented by illness. Dated 31 May 1706.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

May 31. 73. "Report from ye 6 persons to whom the stating the equivalent was referred on 15 May 1706 to the Lords Comrs for an union [with Scotland] on 31 ditto." Stating their difficulties and giving certain data as to customs, &c. 10 *pages.*

June 1. 74. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Warren, formerly an officer of excise, for arrears of salary. They had discovered that while he was excise officer at Bow he had been corrupted to permit his late Majesty to be defrauded of a great part of the revenue on drink, brewed by one Prisca Coburne, widow, a common brewer. He had been prosecuted and convicted for the same, and lay in prison till the fine was paid. After three years confinement he was released. Dated 1 June 1706.

Five other small scripts and the petition. 8 *pages or parts of pages.*

[? About June 1.] 75. An account of the state of Dover Harbour, prepared by Richard Breton. Seven years before the harbour was useless by the quantities of beach cast in by the sea, and upon surveys being made by Sir Henry Sheers and Mr Dummer, the only expedient found was to build a wall across the harbour, with sluices and a pair of large gates to let ships in and out, which cross wall might be a pent for the water at high tide, and by letting it out at low water the force thereof would scour and discharge the beach from the mouth of the harbour. An Act of Parliament was obtained for levying dues upon shipping for this purpose. The cross wall had well answered its design. The Comrs had been unable to repair the breaches made by the great storm in the heads of the harbour, being the old works made in Queen Elizabeth's time, and unless speedy steps were taken the harbour must be destroyed.

Accompanied by (1) the names of the Comrs of Dover Harbour.

(2.) Works propounded to be done this summer for repair of the damages of the pier heads and harbour at Dover, with estimates and instructions. June the 1st 1706.

(3.) A plan, with a minute on the back for the Comrs to attend [the Ld High Treasurer]. 7 *pages.*

June 1. 76. Instructions for John Jeffreys, paymaster of the English train of artillery, for an expedition by sea wth the Earl of Rivers. Dated Ordnance Office, 1 June 1706. 1 *page.*

June 3. 77. Letter from C. Hedges to the Ld High Treasurer, sending memorial of the Lord High Admiral, proposing methods for the more speedy manning the fleet, and for increasing the number of seamen. Her Majesty desired they might be sent to his Lp, that he might give such directions to the Comrs of Customs and Excise as were proposed in the memorial. Dated Cockpit, 3 June 1706.

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The memorial.

Minuted:—" Read 5th June 1706. A copy of the memll to be sent to ye Comrs of ye Cust. and another to Comrs Excise." 6 *pages.*

June 4. 78. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Thanet. The grant to her of the penny post office in and about Dublin had been a disappointment. She seeks for a grant of the pensions fallen in, in Ireland, by the deaths of the Earl of Longford, Lady Stephens, and Col. William Legg, amounting to 400*l.* per ann.; the petitioner's circumstances were so unfortunate as to deserve her Majesty's favour. Dated 4 June 1706.

The petition referred to.

Minuted:—" 10th June 1706. 300li p ann." 2½ *pages.*

[? About June 4.] 79. Petition of Richard Kinsman, Esq., and Lucy his wife (daughter to Doctor Robert Hatton, deceased), and Conyers Hatton, Esq., son and executor to Dr Hatton, to the Queen. Edward late Lord Griffin was indebted 1,500*l.* to Dr Hatton, for which he mortgaged divers lands in Dingley (co. Northampton). Samuel Mumford, Esq., produced a prior mortgage of the same; petitioner prays payment of the debt out of the estate.

Minuted:—" Read 4th June 1706." 1 *page.*

June 4. 80. Ordnance memorial about buying horses, &c., for the artillery designed for the present expedition with Earl Rivers, with an estimate of the charge thereof. Dated 4 June 1706. 2 *pages.*

June 4. 81. Memorial of Henry Cartwright to the Lord High Treasurer, for issue of money for raising men to serve in a French regiment of Dragoons [*Minuted*:—" Issue this on ye ordr for ye 250,000l"], and for Brigadier Genl Shrimpton for his services at Gibraltar. [*Minuted*:—" Orderd."] Dated Whitehall, 4 June 1706. 1 *page.*

June 5. 82. Short letter, signed Gregory King, to Mr Taylour, which enclosed three papers. The object not apparent. Dated Controller's Office, 5 June 1706. 1 *page.*

June 6. 83. Memorial of the Duke of Somerset to the Lord High Treasurer, in reply to the answer of Sir Christopher Wren, which was defective and evasive, as to a shed built outside the Duke's garden. The damage done to his trees, wall, garden, &c., was already very visible. This unfair dealing and most egregious trifling would make any man but Sir Christopher Wren blush. If his stating things to his Lp upon all occasions be done with the like sincerity, his Grace well knew what censure it deserved, and could he be persuaded to believe that Sir Chr had not lost his understanding, he should then think his shuffling replies were contrived to lose the true state of the matter of fact. It might be collected that truth was not a suitable object for Sir Christopher's understanding. Dated 6 June 1706.

Minuted:—" Sr Xr Wren will pull down the shed to ye heighth it was before." 2 *pages.*

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June 6. 84. Memorial of Mr Hen. Cartwright to the Ld High Treasurer, for issue of levy money to Francis Count D'Nassau. Dated Whitehall, 6 June 1706.

Memorial of the Count of Nassau. 2 *pages.*

June 7. 85. An estimate made by Sir Chr. Wren for several new rooms to be made by her Majesty's direction at Kensington, including a new drawing room; also for ironwork instead of walling between the park and the garden. Dated 7 June 1706. ½ *page.*

June 7. 86. Memorial or state of the Earl of Ranelagh's case relating to a bond and mortgage due and owing from the late Lord Griffin. The lands mortgaged were in Braybrooke. He asked to have the Lord Griffin's unsettled estate, and that he might, by her Majesty's aid, be able to call Baker and Mountford to account, there being a sufficient overplus of the Lord Griffin's estate at Dingly in Mr Griffin's possession to answer his demands and her Majesty's bounty for the Lady Essex Griffin's support. Dated 7 June 1706. 1 *page.*

June 7. 87. Representation of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, in favour of allowing the resignation of Dr William Oldys, her Majesty's advocate for prizes, and of appointing Dr Thomas Lane, of Doctors' Commons, as his successor. Dated 7 June 1706. 1 *page.*

June 8. 88. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the executors of Col. Farmer, late president of the Council of Barbadoes, viz., as to his salary and the salaries of the successive chief governors, the Lord Grey, Mr Crow, and Sir Bevil Granville. Dated 8 June 1706.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Aug. 1706. When any thing p̃d to Mr Crow this to be considerd." 3 *pages.*

June 9. 89. Letter from H. Bishop of London to Mr Taylor, asking him to "mind" the Ld Treasurer to despatch Mr George Holme for the half year's advance of the 100*l.* per ann. allowed him by her Majesty for going as chaplain to Algiers. He had waited five months for his passage. Dated 9 June.

Minuted:—"12th June 1706. 50li p̃d out sec. ser. this day. 50 more 19 Feb. 1706–7." ½ *page, quarto.*

[? About June 10.] 90. Petition of John Parker, agent for prizes at the port of Falmouth, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to his care of the prizes. His enemies had taken a great deal of pains to represent him guilty of a crime, in letting some of the worthy gentlemen in Cornwall have each a hogshead of claret, they first paying the customs, and being ready to pay the utmost price that the rest was sold for; this being done before the wines were lotted or tasted for sale; prays to be appointed sub-commissioner of the port of Plymouth in the room of Mr Dorritt, deceased.

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Minuted:—"Read 10th June 1706. My Lord cannot grant this because he promised Mr Boscowen to give it to Mr Samuel Foot, but my Lord will be willing to gratify Mr Parker when there is an opportunity." 1 *page.*

June 10. 91. "Papers to be laid before the Queen."

A paper so entitled, containing an abstract of the different matters to be considered on [10 June 1706]. It is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XIII., pp. 240–242. The Queen was present, and the minutes are added in the book, but are not in this paper. 3*pa ges.*

June 10. 92. Memorial of the Officers of Works to the Ld High Treasurer, for payment of the charges due in the Office of the Works ending March 1706. Dated 10 June 1706. 1 *page.*

June 10. 93. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the under-keepers of Hyde Park, for watering the "Ring." 12 carts were employed 88 days at 6*s.* a day for each cart. Dated 10 June 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 20th Janry 1706. Orderd."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

June 11. 94. Letter signed "Sarah D'Ore" to the [Lord High Treasurer?] as to claims she had on one Robert Wrayford, who destroyed himself, and whose goods were forfeited to the crown. She had petitioned the Queen to withhold her bounty from his widow until she returned the clothes and goods of the writer, to the value of 200*l.*, which were unjustly detained by Robert Wrayford. She asks that the Attorney General might be instructed to prosecute Mrs Wrayford. Dated June 11, 1706.

Minuted:—"13th June 1706. The matter is already in a course of law, and doth not any way relate to the Treasury." 3 *pages, quarto.*

June 11. 95. Letter from Mr Secretary Robert Harley to the Lord High Treasurer, sending the petition of Captain Cornuaud and the Duke of Ormonde's report thereon, for his Lps consideration. Dated 11 June 1706.

The petition and the report referred to, which is in favour of a pension to the Captain.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Sept. 1706. My Lord says this is a matter not proper for his Lordship's consideration." 3 *pages.*

June 11. 96. Letter from Mr St John to Mr Taylor, returning the draft of a representation to the Council about the clothiers of the army. Dated 11 June 1706.

Minuted:—"14th June 1706. Desire the Comptrs of ye Army & Mr St John to attend his Lordp here next Tuesday morning." 1 *page.*

June 12. 97. Letter from Mr Tho. Langhorne to the Ld High Treasurer, as to bills drawn. Dated "Genoua," 12 June 1706. 1 *page, quarto.*

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June 12. 98. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Earl of Rivers, the Earl of Manchester, Lord Fitzwater, and others, in favour of the appointment of John Wroth, jun^{r}, Esq., to be Receiver Genl for Essex. He was a captain of horse in the Duke of Northumberland's regiment, and how consistent that post was with that of Rec^{r} General they must leave to his Lordship. Dated 12 June 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 18 June 1706. Show this report to my Lord Rivers." 2 *pages.*

June 13. 99. Memorial from Mr Charles Fox to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the pay of the regiment commanded by Col. John Hill (late Stanhope's). Dated 13 June 1706.

Another paper on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

[About June 14.] 100. Memorial of Dr Charles Morley. About four years since being in full practice among many noble families, his grace the Duke of Ormonde moved him to go as physician general to the land forces in the expedition to Cadiz. His grace obtained for him the commission for sick and wounded seamen. In the expedition to Cadiz and Vigo he (Dr Morley) was physician general to the land forces and to the general's person, and to most of the admirals and captains of the navy. On his return, being long confined by a dangerous fever, he applied too late for a reward. He had regulated and controlled the surgeons' chests of the navy, and brought them all to be fairly furnished with good medicines by the Apothecaries' Company, and so had prevented abuses heretofore committed, by stuffing the chests with unwholesome and improper medicines, to the loss of many seamen's lives, and he had detected the ignorance of the surgeons and obliged them all to keep regular journals. The sick were put in good hospitals, and at less expense, and many hundred lives had been saved. And yet without charge, complaint, or hearing he was put out of his employment. Prays to be appointed a com^{r} of the navy.

Minuted:—"14th June 1706. My Lord Treas^{r} doth not appoint either com^{rs} of the navy or sick & wounded." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

June 17. 101. Letter of the Com^{rs} of Trade to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the extension of the term of Mr Crommelin's patent for setting up the linen manufacture at Kilkenny, in the south of Ireland. They advise a new patent for 12 years from Lady-day 1707. Dated Whitehall, 17 June 1706.

Minuted:—"18th June 1706. Mr Southwell to be acquainted that when H^{r} M^{y} shall thinke fit to inlarge this term, my lord thinkes it should be und^{r} ye restric$\tilde{c}$on to make only coarse linens."

Again:—"Read 4th July 1706. Write to the Com^{rs} of Cust. & acq^{t} them y^{t} applica$\tilde{c}$on being made for enlarging the time granted to Mr Crummelin for improving the linen manufacture in Irel^{d} and desire them to consider & rep^{t}."

Also a previous letter from them on the same subject. Dated 7 May 1706. 4 *pages.*

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June 17. 102. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, and Sir Chr. Wren on a reconsideration of their late report concerning the purchase of Cotton House and gardens. Sir John Cotton derived his title to the messuage called Our Lady's Pew, and two gardens, by conveyances under a grant made by King James I., in his eleventh year, to Robert Bowyer, Esq., and to a piece of waste ground lying beside the same, next the Thames, by similar conveyances, under a grant of the inheritance of the soil, houses, and gardens of the old palace of Westminster, in the same eleventh year; but they took the whole to be subject to the Act of 12 William III. for settling and preserving the Cottonian Library. Their valuation was made on a view of the whole premises, and on consideration of what improvements might be made, &c. Dated 17 June 1706. 2½ *pages.*

June 18. 103. Letter from Col. Handasyde to the Ld High Treasurer, relating to remittances for the regiment in Jamaica, which had been put to great hardships. Unless the col. had borrowed money the men must have starved. He was informed some gentlemen were recommended to be agents for prize there, which office Mr Arnold Brown served. His behaviour had been so zealous for her Majesty that the gentlemen who had brought in prizes had been so incensed against him, that they would spare no pains to ruin him. Who was designed to succeed Mr Brown he knew not, but he had made a general observation, that in those parts those who were faithful servants in their offices were always pushed at and supplanted by some who had friends of their own to put in their places. They had been expecting the enemy would make an attempt upon them, &c. Dated Jamaica, June 18, 1706. 2 *pages.*

June 18. 104. Memorial from the Pay Office on acccount of guards, garrisons, &c. Dated 18 June 1706.

Also respits upon the muster. 3½ *pages.*

June 18. 105. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Ld High Treasurer, as to embezzlements made from prize ships by Captain Swanton, commander of the ship Exeter, for which he was directed to be prosecuted. It relates also to methods pursued with plunder and prize goods. Dated 18 June 1706.

Minuted:—"Send an extract of so much as relates to ye Adm^ty^ to Mr Burchet, & so much as relates to Cust. to ye Com^rs^ of ye Cust."

Also four affidavits. 7 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 20. 106. Report of Mr E. Harley, auditor, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Earl of Albemarle, master of the robes to King William III., viz., as to items in his accounts. Dated 20 June 1706.

The memoral referred to and another paper.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Aug. 1706. A S. M^ll^ to be prepared for allowing of this 799^li^ 16^s^ 9^d^." 5½ *pages.*

June 20. 107. Letter from Mr H. St John to Mr Whitfeild, as to an allowance of a demand of the Company of Apothecaries for medicines

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furnished for the marines in garrison at Gibraltar. Dated Whitehall, 20 June 1706. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 20. 108. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the gravers of the Mint (John Croker, Samuel Bull, and Gabriel Leclerc). The officers were of opinion that good graving was the best security of the coin, and was best acquired by graving medals, and without exercise in such graving the gravers might in time lose the skill which they had acquired. It was the master and workers' duty to coin the money well. The gravers should have leave to make and sell such medals of fine gold and silver as did not relate to state affairs, and such medals as were made to reward persons by her Majesty for good services, also such as had historical designs and inscriptions for great actions. Dated 20 June 1706.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Aug. 1706. Agreed." 2 *pages.*

June 21. 109. Mr Fox's memorial for payment of the Earl of Donegall's regiment of foot, and for the levy money for a regiment of foot raised in Scotland by Col. Macartney. Dated 21 June 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Sept. 1706. Orderd." 1 *page.*

June 22. 110. Certificate of the Spanish brandy landed at Plymouth from the prize St Antonio de Padua. Dated Excise Office, 22 June 1706.

Also a report of the Comrs of Prizes and an account relating to the same brandies. 3 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

June 22. 111. Letter of the Officers for Tin to John Taylour, Esq., as to equal quarterly payments to be made for the coinage of the tin according to contract, and as to a loan at 6 per cent. to the tinners upon their tin deposited at the coinage halls. Dated Tin Office, Truro, 22 June 1706.

Another letter of the same date, and a third paper on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

June 24. 112. Report of the Auditors of Imprest on a certificate of the Board of Ordnance relating to an imprest to Sir Thomas Cook for the East India Company, vacated. Dated 24 June 1706.

The certificate, with a minute for the discharge of Sir Thomas Cook from the imprest. 2½ *pages.*

June 24. 113. "Respitts upon the muster for 61 days, guards and garrisons, to 24 June 1706." ½ *page.*

June 24. 114. "Treasurer of the Chamber's memorial for the remainder of a quarter's wages, &c. to Midsummer 1706." 1 *page.*

June 24. 115. Midsummer coinage, 1706. } An account of the tin coined at the several coinage towns in the county of Devon, and received for her Majesty's use, pursuant to a contract made on her Majesty's behalf with the parliament of tinners at 3*l.* 10*s.* per cent. "stannary wt."

Also an abstract of the tin coined and paid for at the same time. 5 *pages.*

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June 24. 116. A view of the gross produce of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland in the two quarters ended at Lady-day.

Similar view for the two quarters ended at Midsummer. 2 *pages.*

June 25. 117. Memorial of Henry Cartwright to the Ld High Treasurer, for payment of subsistence of troops, for pay of general officers in the King of Portugal's service, for the subsidy for the Duke of Savoy, &c. Dated 25 June 1706.

Minuted :—"Orderd." 1½ *pages.*

June 26. 118. A memorandum, signed H. Furnese, of certain foreign coins bought by order of the Lord High Treasurer. Dated London, 26th June 1706. ½ *page.*

June 29. 119. Warrant of the Ld High Treasurer, to Henry St John, Esq., Secretary at War, authorising the payments to the Earl of Barrymore's regiment. Dated 29 June 1706.

Written at the end of a report of the Controller of the army's accounts on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

[? June, or in a later year.] 120. Petition of Bridget Darcy, widow, to the Queen. By letters patent of 3 June, 4th year of the Queen, petitioner had a grant of a pension of 400*l.* per ann., arising from farthings, halfpence, &c., coined; but by the determination of the Commission for this coinage she had been deprived of her pension for a year; praying payment of the pension.

Minuted :—"To bee considered when the agreement is made for coining of farthings." 1 *page.*

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July 2. 1. Report of the Auditors of Imprest to the Lord High Treasurer, as to signing a warrant for issue of money to the Earl of Ranelagh, for half pay of officers disbanded after the war. Dated 2 July 1706. 1 *page.*

July 2. 2. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. By the Queen's direction the son of Col. Power, commonly called Lord Power, was delivered into his care to be bred up a Protestant. This was being carried out, and his grace now proposed 100*l.* a year for his support on the establishment of Ireland, the same as Lord Roche had:

Minuted :—"Agreed."

As to Captain Arthur Gore, a member of the House of Commons, who had served in the Earl of Donegal's regiment, and for whom an

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address was voted by the parliament of Ireland that he might be restored to his half pay, the Duke advises that he should be gratified.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

He advises also that Lieut. Geo. Holmes, who went from Ireland in Lord Montjoy's regiment to Portugal, should be put on half pay on account of his age and infirmities.

Minuted:—"Agreed." Dated Whitehall, 2 July 1706. 2 *pages*.

July 2. 3. Certificate of [Auditor] E. Harley to Christopher Tilson, Esq., as to the pay of Mr Edward Douglas, late Deputy Commissary of the Musters to the two old marine regiments. Dated 2 July 1706.

Also his memorial. 2 *pages*.

July 3. 4. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Earl of Essex for payment of respits on the regiment of dragoons under his command; he had no objection to the payment, if his Lordship would order the money. Dated 3 July 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 23th July 1706. My Lord will satisfy this out of unappropriated money."

The memorial, a letter, and copy of a warrant. 4 *pages*.

July 4. 5. Memorial of her Majesty's Surveyor General to the Lord High Treasurer, for an issue of 500*l*. to Mr Roberts for carrying on the building of the bridge at Datchet. Dated 4 July 1706.

Minuted:—"4th July 1706. 500li orderd." ½ *page*.

July 6. 6. Petition of the Patent Searchers of the port of London to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the better control and security of the revenue. To avoid being misrepresented they ask for the appointment of a day that they might be heard. Dated 6 July 1706.

Minuted:—"31th July 1706. To be heard this day fortnight. Comrs Customs, Mr Clough } to attend then." 2 *pages*.

July 6. 7. Letter jointly signed by "Fran. Stratford and Samuel Free," announcing the arrival of all the tin in safety; asking how the money is to be remitted that is to be advanced thereon. Dated Hamburg, 6 July 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 13th July 1706. My Lord orders that Mr Stratford do remit the mo: he is to advance on ye tyn to Mr Sweet at Amsterdm to be applyd for answering 3 mo subsidy to K. of Prussia for ye 8,000 men in Italy." 1 *page*.

July 6. 8. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the case of Leonard Compere, Esq., Receiver General of her Majesty's revenues in Jamaica, viz., as to the security given by him for the execution of his office. In the year 1692 he lost 11,000*l*. by the earthquake and by the French invasion of the following year. Mr Blathwayt's opinion was that the same security in Jamaica might be ordered to be extended, not only to his accounting before the governor and council, or the assembly there, but also to her

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Majesty according to the course of the Exchequer in England. Dated 6 July 1706.

The case referred to and an abstract of the account of her Majesty's revenue in Jamaica.

Minuted:—"Read 23th Aug. 1706. My Lord agrees to this rept." 6 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

[? About July 9.] 9. Petition of John Smith, of Beaufort Buildings, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for allowances to be made him in respect to his services as receiver of the land revenues for the city of London, and counties of Middlesex, Essex, Hertford, Norfolk, and Huntingdon.

Minuted:—"Read 9th July 1706. My Lord doth not think it reasonable to encourage officers to keep publick money in their hands in order to ask it as a reward for that wch was the duty of their offices."

Also a schedule of his "cravings," and a certificate of Mr Auditor Phelips. 4 *pages.*

July 9. 10. Letter from Mr Secretary St John to Mr Lowndes, sending a warrant for the counter-signature of the Ld High Treasurer, for an addition to the pay of the general officers for the present expedition. Mr Vincent Chaban was appointed by the Ld Walden to muster the forces going on the expedition. Dated Whitehall, 9 July 1706.

The warrant is not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 9 and 10. 11. Letter from Lord Godolphin to the Ld Lieutt of Ireland, sending a petition of John Outing asking for a pension of 200*l.* a year for his services; for his Lps opinion thereon. Dated Treasury Chambers, 9 July 1706.

The petition.

Letter of the Ld Lieut. in reply. Dated Whitehall, 10 July 1706. 3 *pages.*

July 9. 12. "Mr Fox's Memoriall" signed "E. Pauncfort" to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the arrears of three regiments ordered on the descent. Dated 9 July 1706. 1 *page.*

July 9. 13. Cofferers memorial for 5,063*l.* 3*s.* 4½*d.* to clear Lady-day quarter, 1706. Dated 9 July 1706. 1 *page.*

July 9. 14. Copy of report of the [Comrs of Revenue] Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the salary of Mr Thomas Knox. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 9th July 1706. 1 *page.*

July 11. 15. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a proposal of Mr Gibbon, powder maker, for furnishing the ordnance with 10,000 barrels of powder a year. They had sent the same to the Duke of Marlborough, who had commanded them to lay it before his Lordship. Two reasons had induced them to consider the proposal: 1st the unreasonableness of the powder makers, who knowing the necessities of the office and the pressing

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occasion for powder, obliged them lately to comply with their unreasonable demands, by allowing them 1*l.* per cwt. in the refraction of the saltpetre, more than the East India Company would give: 2nd, the great difficulty they met with in persuading the powder makers to make the powder at the usual price of 16*s.* per barrel, they insisting for a considerable time on 18*s.* By this plan they would not lie under pressing necessities, which were always made a handle for raising a price. With some variations they concur with the proposal. Dated 11 July 1706.

The proposal referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 3d Aug. 1706. My Lord doth not thinke he is any ways concernd in this matter." 4 *pages.*

July 11. 16. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Ld High Treasurer, for an issue of money to pay the auditors their fees for auditing his accounts, that they might be forthwith declared. Dated 11 July 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 12th July 1706. Orderd accordingly, and a wt to pay this to the audrs by a wt on ye lrẽs paẽs dt."

"Send to ye audrs to distinguish how much of this demand is for ½ pay." 1 *page.*

July 12. 17. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Byerly, collector and receiver of the province of New York, in favour of payment of his claims for seizing the Eagle galley for illegal trading, either by the master of the vessel, or Sir Jeoffrey Jeffrys the owner of the goods. Dated 12 July 1706.

Minuted:—"24th July 1706. My Lord thinkes Sir J. Jeffrys ought to pay these charges."

The petition and three other papers. 8 *pages.*

July 13. 18. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, on the petition of Edith Stone for extension of the term of a lease of a tenement in Silver Street, parcel of certain chantry lands in Taunton Dean and Milverton. He says these houses were in great decay, and the lessees ought speedily to repair them, and if not, they might be granted to any person who would pay a reasonable fine to make the lease up to 31 years. Dated 13 July 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 17th July 1706. Mr Surveyor Genll is to admonish Mr Prowse to make such repairs as by his lease he ought, wch if he or his assigns neglect to do, then Mr Survr is to find out a new tenant. And his Lordp directs that in making a new lease either to ye present lessee or to any others, care be taken that the lessee do lengthen ye term to this tenant, Edith Stone."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

July 15. 19. Auditors of the Imprests General certificate of the state of the accounts. Dated 15 July 1706.

With various minutes in the margins. 8½ *pages.*

July 16. 20. Letter signed "Jno Newman" to the Ld [High Treasurer] asking him to look over his case, that he might be apprized of it

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before the writer appeared before his Lordship. Dated 16 July 1706.

In his "case" he claims to be the "sole author of the manner of advance upon low wines and spirits from malted corn." He claims also to have raised the revenue in various ways, and seeks for compensation. 3 *pages.*

July 17. 21. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Ld High Treasurer in favour of allowing the claim in the following petition. Dated 17 July 1706.

Petition of Frances Jones and Anne Lloyd, daughters of William Pendrill, to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioners had received a pension of 100*l.* per ann. for the services performed by their father to King Charles II. after his escape from Worcester fight, until Michaelmas 1702, but there were three quarters due to Midsummer 1703; they ask payment thereof.

The last minute on the back is:—"5th Sepr 1706. My Lord agrees that [they] shall be·p̃d when the next m^o^ is orderd to Mr Nicholas." W^t^ signed. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

July 22. 22. Memorial of Henry Cartwright to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the advance of 61 days subsistence to the officers of the three regiments of foot commanded by Lord Mordaunt, Brigadier Farrington, and Brigadier Macartney, to provide themselves with necesaries for their expedition, also as to an advance to a French regiment commanded by Count Nassau. Dated 22 July 1706.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

July 22. 23. A general abstract of the accounts of her Majesty's revenue in Ireland, stated in the accountant general's office for the year ended at Christmas 1705.

Certified 22 July 1706. 2 *large pages.*

[About July 23.] 24. Petition of Edward Heron, gent., one of the Queen's waiters in the port of London, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking to be allowed to resign his office to Mr Arthur Zouch, his near kinsman.

Minuted:—"23 July 1706. If these resignations be admitted there will never be any vacancies." 1 *page.*

July 24. 25. Demand made by Sir H. Furnese through Henry Cartwright, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer for foreign coins provided for Earl Rivers' expedition. Dated 24 July 1706. ½ *page.*

July 24. 26. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Richard Dallow, porter of the Mint. His house, called Martin's Tower, was taken to quarter soldiers in. His loss was valued at 200*l.* His wife affirmed that he had received but 110*l.*; they recommend him as an object of compassion. Dated 24 July 1706.

His petition states that he paid 300*l.* for the place, and that the house had been appropriated to the porter's place for 400 years.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Aug. 1706. My Lord thinkes this would be an ill p̃ced^t^." 2 *pages.*

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1706. [About July 24.] 27. Petition of William Gurle to the Queen. He was indebted 262*l.* for the customs of tobacco, which he was unable to pay. There was due to him in right of his father (who was gardener to Kings Charles II. and James II.) upwards of 3,000*l.*, and the petitioner in the late storm lost 70 hogsheads of tobacco, besides what was taken into France, which ruined him; prays respite for the payment of the 262*l.*

Minuted:—"Wm Gurle. Ref. to Comrs Customes."

The date is inferred from the *Reference Book*, Vol. 7, p. 234. 1 *page.*

July 28. 28. Letter signed "Cha. Tollet" to Henry Cartwright, Esq., as to bills drawn for payment of the five French regiments of foot. Dated 28 July 1706.

Another letter on the same subject, and copy of a warrant. 3 *pages.*

July 29. 29. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on Mr Dummer's memorial, complaining that he was a loser by his contract with the Post Office for supplying three packet boats for the Lisbon service. They had not understood that he proposed to gain anything by the wages or victuals of the sailors, but that all his advantage should arise solely for the "ware and tare" of the vessels, as was customary in other contracts. The vessels were to sail once a fortnight, but by the exigencies of state, upon the King of Spain going to Portugal, they were ordered to go every week, &c. If in consideration of Mr Dummer being a loser by the contract her Majesty would give a sign manual to release him, and direct that he be paid by the treasurer of the Post Office the prime valuation of the two packets, her Majesty having them as her property, Mr Dummer could have no cause to complain, and the service would be better carried on. Dated 29 July 1706.

Mr Dummer's memorial. Dated 13 March 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Aug. 1706. Orderd accordingly." 4½ *pages.*

[? About July 31.] 30. Petition of William Page, who had served the successive Lord Mayors of London for 25 years, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a coastwaiter's place in London.

Copy of certificate in his favour.

Minuted:—"Ult. Julij 1706. To be consider'd when there is a vacancy." 2 *pages.*

July 31. 31. Letter signed "Ro. Harley" to the Lord High Treasurer. The Elector Palatine's minister having made instances for payment of some money he alleged was due to his master, he had written to Holland to know what the States had paid of that demand, and after long delay Mr Stanhope procured an account, a copy of which he enclosed. Dated Whitehall, 31 July 1706.

Copy of account referred to and two certificates [*French*], also Mons. Steingherst's memorial for 17,000 crowns towards the charge of the Elector Palatine's journey to Vienna [*French*].

Another letter from him on the same subject [*French*].

A further paper on the same subject. 6 *pages.*

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[? About July 31.] 32. Petition of James Dewy, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. He had for three years endeavoured to advance her Majesty's service with the like application and industry as he had before done in the city and liberties of Westminster, but in the country there was not a third part sufficient business to employ him.

Minuted:—"Read 31 July 1706." 1 *page.*

[? About July 31.] 33. Petition of Eleanor Conway, widow, to the Lord High Treasurer. She was relict of John Conway, lately deceased, who in the service of the government in the late reign lost his eyesight, for which he had an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day; but for eight years and upwards nothing was paid him; praying the royal bounty.

Minuted:—"Ult. Julij. 10li bounty. Paid 15th Aug. 1706." 1 *page.*

[? About July 31.] 34. Memorial of Henry Lord Walden, Commissary General of Musters, to the Lord High Treasurer. He had full power to nominate and appoint all deputy commissaries, but of late his deputy dying in Portugal, the Earl of Galway, Commander-in-Chief, put his steward, Mr Bucknall, into the employment of deputy commissary, desiring the Lord Walden to grant him a deputation; but the Lord Walden had given his deputation to another gentleman. The Lord Galway refused to allow the latter to act. The Lord Walden had sent a deputy commissary into Catalonia, who calling at Gibraltar to muster the garrison, found Lord Galway had appointed one Captain Webb, of Col. Borr's regiment of marines.

Minuted:—"Ult. Julij 1706. If a comissary had dyd here Ld Walden should have put in another, but ye Genll is ye best judg abroad; & my Ld thinks he ought to confirm those whom my Ld Galway has appointed." 1 *page.*

[? About July 31.] 35. "Mr Crosse's proposall for improvemt of her Mats forests, parks, chaces, & wast grounds, &c."

Read 31th July 1706.

The paper consists of 8 propositions or clauses. To carry it out he offered to survey and plot out the several parcels, and suggests that he should be allowed 20*s.* a day for his trouble. 3 *pages* (*brief size*).

[? About July 31.] 36. Memorial of P. Freeman, Lord Chief Baron in the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for his allowance from the time of the death of his predecessor.

Minuted:—"31 July 1706. 100li to him." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About July 31.] 37. Petition of Charles Aleyn, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. He was grandson of Sir Thomas Aleyn, Bart., who was Lord Mayor of London at King Charles's restoration; asks for the next queen's waiter's place vacant in the port of London.

Minuted:—"Ult. Julij 1706. My Ld doth not grant any reversions." 1 *page.*

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1706. [? About July 31.] 38. Petition of Catharine, the widow of Lieut. Edward Atkinson, to the Queen. Prays a pension. Her husband was killed in a general attack, being in Col. Borr's regiment at Gibraltar.

Minuted:—"31 July 1706. The Queen can do nothing at present." 1 *page.*

[? About July 31.] 39. Memorial of Captn James Brodie, who acted as surgeon to Major General Hamilton's regiment in the West Indies, to the Lord High Treasurer; praying to be reimbursed for medicines and instruments supplied for the Guardeloup expedition.

Minuted:—"31 July 1706. Ref. to ye Comptroll^rs."

Certificate of the officers in his favour. 2 *pages.*

[? July or August.] 40. Memorial of Col. Luke Lillingston to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for what was due to him on his pension, being commanded with his regiment from Ireland upon the present descent [upon France].

Minuted:—"14th Aug^st 1706. My Lord cannot tell whether there be any m^o in my Lord Ranelagh's hands for this, 'till his acco^ts are made up. And doth not thinke fit to make any further issues to his L^p till that be known." 1 *page.*

Aug. 1. 41. Memorial of Henry Cartwright to the Ld High Treasurer, as to payment of 61 days' subsistence to the officers of the regiments commanded by Lord Mordaunt, Brigadiers Farrington and Macartney, also to answer certain bills of exchange. Dated 1 Aug. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 3^d Aug. 1706. Orderd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 1. 42. Memorial of the Surveyor General to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the delivery of the records, &c. touching the jointure of her late Majesty Katherine, Queen Dowager, the executors declining to give them up. Dated 1 Aug. 1706. 1 *page.*

Aug. 1. 43. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the repairs of the Earl of Bridgewater's lodgings at St James's. Dated 1 Aug. 1706.

Warrant for the same from the Ld Chamberlain.

Minuted:—"Read 3^d Aug. 1706. Orderd, but speak wth Sr Chr. Wren about ye estimate." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 44. Letter from J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, apologizing for his mistake of his Lordship's commands in relation to the profit upon the exchange. He should look upon it as the greatest unhappiness that could befall him if any wrong interpretations he should make of his L^ps orders, should create the least dissatisfaction imaginable to his L^p or his administration. He had thought it best to make haste back to the army, to prevent any wrong impressions. He would leave a copy of his L^ps letter with Mr Cardonnell, and then would hasten to England. Mr Stratford had received instructions to pay 12,000*l.* to Mr Sweet at Amsterdam, &c. Sir Henry Furneze's bills were made payable at Antwerp

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in the Brabant current money, and yet the sum was little more than he used to give when they were drawn payable in the "Holl. Currt," though he had received as much to make this remittance in England as he used to do before, &c. Dated Brussels, Aug. 2–13, 1706. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 45. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Ld High Treasurer. He had considered the petition of William Horsley, gent., and Elizabeth his wife. They represented that Bernard Granville, Esq., was in his lifetime indebted to John Sheffeild, clerk, father of the petitioner Elizabeth, in 1,000*l.*, secured by judgment, which judgment was assigned by Sheffeild towards her advancement. Execution was sued out thereon, and a moiety of the manor of Clewer and Moat Park in the county of Berks was extended for satisfying that judgment, and by ejectments brought, the petitioners obtained a verdict and judgment for the moiety extended. It did not appear to him that there was a rent of 150*l.* payable by her Majesty for Moat Park (which was part of Windsor Park), as represented. The petitioners allege that her Majesty enjoyed the two lodges and 300 acres with them, as tenant by agreement with Bernard Granville. Moat Park was heretofore the inheritance of the Duke of Albemarle, and Bernard Granville after his decease claimed the same. On the whole matter there appeared a title to Mr Sheffeild under his judgment to have the profits of the upper lodge and the 300 acres of land, against the heirs of Bernard Granville, &c. Dated 2 Aug. 1706. 4 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 3.] 46. Memorial of the President, Treasurer, and Governors of St Thomas's Hospital in Southwark, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for a "short day," [*i.e.*, an early day], for hearing them upon their claims for sick and wounded seamen admitted to the hospital.

Minuted :—"Read 3d Aug. 1706. My Lord at his return will appoint a day."

Again :—"Read 27th May 1707." 1 *page.*

Aug. 3. 47. Letter from Sir Jeffrey Jeffreys to J. Taylor, Esq., as to reimbursing Mr Byerly the charges he was at in relation to the seizure of Sir Jeffrey's ship the Eagle, at New York. Mr Byerly ought not only to bear his own charges, but to be be severely reprehended for his insolence to the Lord Cornbury. Dated Roehampton, 3 Aug. 1706.

Minuted :—"4th Septr 1706. Mr Culliford & Mr Savage acqt my Lord that he said he would pay ye officers charges, and my Lord thinkes he should not make any difficulty of complying wth his promise." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 48. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the officers of the Board of Green Cloth, relating to a quantity of French wine imported from Holland and seized. Certifying that her Majesty might take her moiety in kind, &c. Dated 3 Aug. 1706.

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The memorial, in which they proposed that her Majesty should take the forfeiture in kind, or they knew not how to provide wine fit for her Majesty's service. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 3. 49. Abstract of papers of a similar nature to the entries in the *Minute Book.* Read 4 Jan. 1705–6 and 3 Aug. 1706. With the minute of each case in the margins. 9 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 50. Memorial of Mr Henry Cartwright to the Lord High Treasurer, for issue of several sums to colls of regiments, for clothing, levy money, &c. Dated Whitehall, 6 Aug. 1706.
Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 7. 51. Affidavit of W. Bowyer as to the printing of the third volume of *Rymer's Fœdera.*
Sworn 7 Aug. 1706. ½ *page.*

Aug. 7. 52. Report of Mr Robert Rochford to the Lords Justices of Ireland on the petition of the Rt Hon. William, Earl of Inchiquin. He had laid out a considerable sum in improving the manor, lands, and tenements of Rostellan, in the county of Cork, and had been at great expense in keeping out the tide from overflowing the land adjoining his house; prays her Majesty to grant him the slabbs or pieces of ground, containing 150 acres or thereabouts, which were twice in 24 hours covered with the tide; also that the manor, castle, and tenements of Rostellan might be created into a corporation, with the liberty of a weekly market and two fairs yearly, and also free warren and park, with liberty to enclose 500 acres or less for a park; recommending the grant to be made. Dated 7 Aug. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 8. 53. Opinion of Sir Edward Northey, Attorney General, as to the powers of the Comrs of Customs to give allowance out of the duty of 15*l.* per tun on wines. Dated 8 Aug. 1706. 1 *page.*

Aug. 9. 54. A paper as to debts of the Victualling Office. Dated 9 Aug. 1706. 1 *page.*

Aug. 9. 55. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer. An address to the Queen from the House of Peers represented the ill state of the Paper Office at Whitehall, and prayed her Majesty would direct suitable repairs and alterations; also that there was a want of room, so that the papers could not be conveniently deposited. He had, with Mr Tucker, the keeper of the office, viewed the place, and found it full and crowded, and it could not be enlarged but by addition of the rooms under the tower and contiguous to it, in the occupation of Mons. Van Huls, or the gallery leading to the park might be fitted up for that purpose, which would prove very convenient; or the office might be removed over the Treasury chambers in the Cockpit, lately fitted for the Comrs of the Union, and would be convenient, being near the secretary's office, which in a manner was necessary, the Paper Office being a place to which the Secretaries of State had frequent occasions for recourse. When his Lordship determined upon either of these three ways he would give an estimate. Dated 9 Aug. 1706.

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Minuted:—"Read 23th Aug. 1706. Send to Sr Chr. to rept to my Lord wch would be the easiest & cheapest of ye 2 first ways offerd in this rept, & to estimate wt 'twould amt to."

[Cunningham (p. 469, "State Paper Office,") says, quoting from Strype, B. VI. p. 5, the papers were originally kept in the uppermost rooms of the Gate House at Whitehall.] 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 12.] 56. Petition of Rebecca Fletcher, widow, relict of Captain Robert Fletcher, deceased. Petitioner's husband served in the war in Ireland, and last of all in the Hon. Brigadier Brudenell's regiment, which was sent to Portugal. He was preferred to be an engineer, and on the 2nd of April last was killed by the enemies' cannon in the trenches in Valenze, or Valenza; prays for the royal bounty.

Three certificates of the truth of these statements, the last in point of date being 12 Aug. 1706. 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

[? About Aug. 13.] 57. Report of the Postmasters General to the Ld High Treasurer, on a memorial of the merchants and traders of Falmouth and other towns in Cornwall, complaining that tho' the packet boats between England and the plantation islands in America, by Mr Dummer's contract, were obliged to receive the mails and goods at Plymouth for the West Indies, and, on their return to land, the mails and goods at Falmouth, yet they proceeded to Plymouth. Their (the Postmasters') instructions were, that if the commanders could not make the port of Falmouth, then to land the mails at the first port or place that could be made. The Postmasters transmit Mr Dummer's reply to the several articles of complaint.

The memorial and the answer, and 12 other documents.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Augst 1706. Mr Vernon to have copys of ye rept of the postmars Genll & of Mr Dummer's answer." 19 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 13. 58. Letter of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to their difficulty of disposing of tallies. The Bank of England and the East India Coy declined to receive them. Their artificers were above a year in arrear. They ask his Lordship what method they could take to satisfy the East India Company for the 500 tons of salt petre already delivered, and for the 500 tons ready to be delivered. They send an acct of what they conceived necessary for the office. They also apply for money for the stores at Nevis and at St Christopher's. Dated 13 Aug. 1706.

The three papers referred to.

There are two minutes on the back. The second is:—"Read 4th Septr 1706. My Lord says since they cannot get off ye tallys, wch other offices very easily do, he can thinke of no other way to accomodate ym than by ordering those tallys into hands yt can get ym off & supply them wth money as soon as he can." 7 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 59. Memorial of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer, for placing on the establishment of Ireland the regiments of Col. Stanwix, Ld Tunbridge, and Sir R. Bradshagh, to replace the regiments embarked for Spain. Dated Whitehall, 14 Aug. 1706.

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Minuted:—"Read 23th Aug. 1706. My Lord thinks it would be better in this case to have a warrt prepared for paying this addl levy money out of the revenues of Ireland at large upon a proper certificate or rept of wt the same amts to, than to allow ye pay of the regts to comence before there are any." 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 14. 60. Presentment of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending Mr Mark Proudfoot to be reappointed as agent for prizes, he having been displaced. They were inclined to concur that the representations against him were malicious. Dated 14 Aug. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Septr 1706. My Lord is pleased to consent, if the Comrs are satisfyd he had hardship done him, that they should imploy him again when there is an opportunity." 1 *page.*

Aug. 14. 61. Presentment of the same Comrs about prize money in Jamaica. Dated 14 Aug. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Septr 1706. The Comrs of Prizes will give directions to their agents for paying the prize mo to the uses of ye navy and victuallg in those parts." 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 62. Memorial of Mr Henry Cartwright to the Ld High Treasurer, for subsistence of 40,000 and 10,000 troops. Dated 15 Aug. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Aug. 1706. Orderd." 1 *page.*

Aug. 16. 63. Mr Attorney General's report about the discounts claimed by the New East India Company. Dated 16 Aug. 1706. 5½ *pages.*

Aug. 17. 64. Report of the Attorney General to the Ld High Treasurer, on the restoration of the personal estate of William Whitchurch, forfeited by his conviction for manslaughter. Dated 17 Aug. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 5th Septr 1706. My Lord agrees to this rept, and ordrs a wt to be ꝑpared."

Also the petition of William Whitchurch. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 17. 65. Copy of letter from Dover relating to the repair of the harbour, taking exception to the way the work was done. They were sensible that if the south head were not repaired, which was almost lost by the storm, it would be a ruin to the town. Dated 17 Aug. 1706. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 19. 66. The Attorney General's report, relating to the salt duties. Dated 19 Aug. 1706. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 67. Letter from Mr R. Holt [unaddressed, but ? to Mr Lowndes], as to the accounts of Customs in the auditors' hands, and as to other Custom accounts which he was engaged in adjusting. Dated Custom House, 21 Aug. 1706.

Minuted:—"22 Aug. 1706. Mr Holt to attend next Wednesday sennit in ye afternoon when ye Comrs of ye Cust. attend." 2 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

Aug. 21. 68. Report of the Ld Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Col. Samuel Boisrond, advising that he should be paid 200*l.*; there was a debt due to him of 173*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

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for his pay, and he had contracted sickness in the service. Dated 21 Aug. 1706.

His petition and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Sepr 1706. To be laid before ye Queen. Prepare a warrt." 4 *pages.*

[About Aug. 21.] 69. Mr Doddington's memorial about losses in the receipt of money for the service of the navy. Delivered 21 Aug. 1706. Mr Doddington was paymaster to the Earl of Orford, late Treasurer of the Navy.

There is a minute at the end as to these allowances to be made to him. 2 *pages and* 4 *lines.*

[About Aug. 22.] 70. Three letters at different periods signed "Philip Howard," begging assistance. The last is addressed to the Ld High Treasurer and is dated 22 Aug. [1706.]

Minuted:—"Read 22th Aug. 1706. 100l out of sec. ser. mo. Paid 24th Aug. 1706." 3 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 22.] 71. Memorial of Francis Aston and Peter Hume to the Ld High Treasurer. Mr Rymer and Mr Churchill complained that they were hardly dealt with in the allowance made them for surplusage of sheets printed beyond the contract; they show what was due, and also ask for 500*l.* for the next volume.

Printed in the preface to *Hardy's Syllabus to Rymer's Fœdera,* Vol. I. p. cxxvij.

There is a sign manual for this, dated 22 Aug. 1706. See *King's Warrant Books,* Vol. XVI., p. 87. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 22.] 72. Petition of George Punshon, Ralph Douglas, and Ralph Graham to the Lord High Treasurer, as to discoveries made and to be made by them of frauds in the salt duties to the extent of upwards of 10,000*l.*, in which they with others had been concerned. They were utterly ruined without his Lordship's protection.

Minuted:—"22 Aug. 1706. Comrs of Customs & Salt to attend about this on Wednesday sennit in ye afternoon. Copys of this to be sent to each board in the mean time."

"Read 4th Septr 1706. Upon consideration of wt is alledged by ye Comrs of Customs & salt duty, my Lord doth not think fit to intermeddle in this matter; but leaves it to those 2 boards to do herein as they shall see cause." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 24. 73. Certificate of weekly pensions paid by Captain Baker. Dated 24 Aug. 1706. 1 *page.*

Aug. 29. 74. "Copy of the report of the Presidt & Councill of Virginia, upon the accot of the late Col. Byrd." Dated 29 Aug. 1706. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 29. 75. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde (Lord Lieut. of Ireland), for a further allowance of 40*s.* per man to the regiments of Col. Stanwix, Lord Tunbridge, and Sir Roger Bradshaigh. Dated Whitehall, 29 Aug. 1706. 1 *page.*

Aug. 31. 76. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Lady Diana Howard. The grant

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to Mr Chiffinch for 99 years was truly recited. Her Ladyship had lately purchased her dwelling house in Duke Street, Westminster, under Chiffinch's grant, for the remainder of the term (53 years). He had heard that King Charles II. had given some grant or licence to his spaniel keeper, George Holder, to erect a house on or near the ground (of which this lady desired a grant) according to the plan at the back of the memorial. On enquiry he (the surveyor) found that King Charles gave a verbal direction to Mr Fitch, the builder, to erect a house on a spot of ground agreed on by his Majesty, for the use of Holder and his family and the keeping of spaniels. This house was enjoyed by him till the Revolution, when it and the dog keeper's place were given to one Beaubissons, &c. The timber house and dog kennel were not only very offensive to this lady's dwelling, but by the filth and nastiness about them as then kept, were not fit to be seen in the park. The premises might be granted for a term not exceeding 50 years, &c. Dated 31 Aug. 1706.

The memorial. There are three minutes on the back, the last of which is:—"May 1st [1708]. As soon as the Queen can goe abroad she wil view this piece of ground herself."

There is also, "The case of the Hon. Wm Feilding, Esqr., & the Lady Diana his wife," in relation to the same; tho' undated, it is later. 4 *pages and the plan.*

[? About Aug.] 77. Report of auditors Maynwaring and Harley to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Wm Hubbald for allowance on his account as late paymaster of the train fitted out for reducing Ireland, in the year 1689. Undated, but the petition was referred to them 2 August 1706.

The petition, and a state of the account as it appeared before the auditor.

Minuted:—"20 Apr. 1710. This accot is to be ꝑpared for declaration." 6½ *pages.*

[After Aug.] 78. Representation to the Lord High Treasurer about the officers of the three French regiments reduced in August 1706, at Torbay. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 1. 79. Letter of Col. Robert Quary, governor of Maryland, commencing Rigbt Honble, giving an account of the prizes taken. Nearly 300 ships with tobacco were going home in the fleet, a far greater number than ever went from these provinces in one year before. There was a prospect of it yielding a good price. But one fleet in a year ought to be sent, that being the only thing that could retrieve trade and enable the poor planter to live. Dated Maryland, 1 Sept. 1706. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 2. 80. "An abstract of Windsor Castle" for six months, ending June 1706, showing the various apartments, &c., on which repairs had been carried out. Signed by "Chr. Wren" and "John Ball." Dated Sept. 2, 1706. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 2. 81. Letter from Mr Secretary Hedges to the Lord High Treasurer, about Col. Broughton's demands as Consul at Venice. Dated Whitehall, 2 Sept. 1706.

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Minuted:—500li in full of all demds for disbursmts & services now & in ye late Ks [time ?]." 1 *page.*

Sept. 2. 82. Copy of the Treasury Minute of 2 Sept. 1706 relating to the repair of Dover Harbour. Mr Breton was called in and represented that if the south head of the harbour were not speedily repaired, the harbour would be destroyed. 1,500*l.* was wanted on loan without interest, to be repaid after a loan of 3,000*l.* made by Lord Weymouth, and a further sum of 1,500*l.* due to workmen.

Minuted:—" 9th Apr. 1707. Send this and ye act of parlt. to Mr Attorny Genll to prepare the prop security to be given for the repaymt of this 1,500*l.* without int."

With the above are:—

(1.) Letter of Sir Henry Shore.

(2.) Memorial of Matthew Aylmer, Esq., representing the danger of the harbour being entirely lost. There were several officers established with good salaries who had begun a wall of timber across the harbour, which was never likely to be finished, and would never answer its purpose; submitting the reasonableness of committing the care of the harbour to the Comrs of the Navy.

(3.) " A short account of the state of Dover Harbour," by Mr Breton. Certified by the Mayor of Dover and others.

Minuted:—" Read 3d Sept. 1706."

(4.) Works propounded to be done this summer for repair of the damages of the pier heads and harbour at Dover, with estimates and instructions. Dated 1 June 1706.

(5.) Letter from Mr E. Dummer to the Ld High Treasurer on the same subject. He says a stone wall was proposed to be built for 7,000*l.* The work as carried out was abortive. Dated 10 May 1706.

(6.) " A draught of the South Piere head at Dover." 1 June 1706. 12½ *pages.* [Nos. 3, 4, and 6, are duplicates of papers described under date 1 June 1706, Vol. XCVIII. No. 75.]

Sept. 4. 83. Report of the Ld Lieut. of Ireland on the petition of Mary Murray, widow of Col. Adam Murray, deceased, recommending her for a bounty of 5*s.* a day in consideration of her husband's services in the defence of Londonderry. Dated Whitehall, 4 Sept. 1706.

The signature and lower part of the paper torn away.

The petition with four certificates indorsed.

A certificate of the mayor and commonalty of Londonderry, and two letters relating to the same. 6 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 84. Report of the auditors to the Ld High Treasurer on the cravings of the widow of Robert Crompton, Esq., deceased, paymaster of the malt lottery tickets. Dated 4 Sept. 1706.

A debtor and creditor account. 4 *pages or parts.*

Sept. 4. 85. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on a representation of the Duke of Ormonde, and on two letters from the Comrs of Trade, touching the encouragement proposed for Mr Crummelin to remove into the south of Ireland, for the improve-

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ment of the linen manufacture in those parts, and as to their opinion whether, if Ireland should fall into the making fine linen, as suggested in the representation, it would affect the trade of England; and if so, what restrictions might be necessary in any new grant for encouraging the linen manufacture in Ireland. Trade and navigation seemed to be concerned in this manufacture of Irish linen. The merchants considered the improvement of the linen manufacture in Ireland would prejudice the trade of England. On the whole they (the Com^rs) concurred therein. Irish linen was exempted from duties on importation here, and on exportation to the plantations. It would in a great measure prevent the importation of broad Germany linens, damask, diaper, &c., from Hamburg, and of low priced linen from Flanders and Holland, to the diminution of the customs, and the exportation of woollen manufactures of this kingdom, which were taken abroad in exchange for these sorts of linens. And (not to say anything of diverting the course of trade, by sending linens directly from Germany to Portugal, and taking returns from thence in sugar, which were heretofore supplied through this kingdom) they were of opinion that any further encouragement or improvement of the manufacture of Irish linen] would bear no proportion of advantage there, either to the loss of the customs or decay of the woollen manufacture of this kingdom. Dated 4 Sept. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Sept. 1706. Show this to ye D. of Ormonde."

The letter of the Duke of Ormonde. Dated Whitehall, — March 1706. It refers to the letter described in this Calendar under date 1 Feb. 1706, Vol. XCVII., No. 51, and recommends 12 years to be added to Mr Crummelin's patent.

The memorial of the merchants of London on the same subject. 4 *pages, one very large.*

[? About Sept. 4.] 86. Payments to Mr G. King, who was sent wth the Order of the Garter to three Foreign Princes in the late reign, viz., the Electors of Brandenburgh, Saxony, and Brunswick-Lunenburg.

Minuted:—"Mr Vanbrugh, 4th Sepr 1706. My Lord will speak wth Lord Halifax."

Another paper, with three other memoranda on the same subject. 1½ *pages.*

June—Sept. 7. 87. Four warrants, the first three in favour of the Earl of Peterborough, Ambassador to Spain, and the last of the Earl of Manchester, Ambassador Extraordinary to Venice, for the issue of money, plate, &c., to them. The last is dated 7 Sept., 5th year of Anne. 4 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 7.] 88. Petition of Mark Bingham and Broughton Wright to the Lord High Treasurer. They had been employed as agents and storekeepers for the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty at the ports of London and Rochester. They had undergone great trouble in regard to the Vigo booty; pray for reward for their services.

Referred on 7 Sept. 1706, to John Dodd and John Warters, Esq., to report. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 11. 89. Report of the Com^rs for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Matthew Butterwick, a midshipman on board the ship Expedition, in the Mediterranean, who prayed consideration for saving the Queen's money, when put on board the St. George, prize, at Barcelona, by Mr Mark Proudfoot, agent for prizes in the fleet commanded by Sir Cloudesley Shovel; they conceived he ought not to have any other reward being already paid. Dated 11 Sept. 1706.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 90. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Captain Richard Biron, late commander of the yacht, the Fubbs, as to the payment of his share of the Vigo booty as lieutenant and not as captain; if a reward were given him, it might be ordered as a gratuity for his extraordinary service, and not as captain in post. Dated 11 Sept. 1706.

The petition, and copies of five other documents relating thereto.

The second minute on the back is:—"18 Oct. 1706. My Lord says he doth not thinke fit to give any direcc̃ons on this rep^t." 5 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

[? About Sept. 12.] 91. Petition of George Dixon, Rec^r Genl of the co. of Somerset and city of Bristol, for the land tax, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer, for allowance of his expenses as in the bill of particulars annexed.

Minuted:—"Read 12th Septr 1706. My Lord says he has it not in his power to make any greater allowances out of ye publick money to rec^rs, than what is made to y^m by ye severall acts of Parliam^t."

The bill of charges referred to. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 92. Letter of Col. Thomas Handasyd to the Lord Godolphin, as to the remittance of a fine of 1,000*l.* of Mr Francis Johnson, &c. The fleet under Admiral Whetstone would sail at the end of the month with at least 200,000*l.* in "boulion." The apprehensions of the enemy attempting them were at an end for the present. The island was in so good a posture, that if the French had come they would have got nothing but broken bones. Jamaica would not have been lost while he lived. Dated Jamaica, 15 Sept. 1706.

Another letter from him containing nearly the same information. Also another letter and two brief accounts. 6 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Sept. 19. 93. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, laying accounts of debts of the collectors, &c. before him. Dated 19 Sept. 1706.

The accounts referred to. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 20. 94. Letter from the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, sending two extracts of letters from Mr Christopher Crow, her Majesty's agent for prizes at Livorne, relating to Captn Vincent Cutter, commander of H. M. ship the Newcastle. Also another extract. Dated 20 Sept. 1706.

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The extracts referred to. In the first he says if their honours "do not get stricter orders given to men-of-war, the prizes they take in these seas will render nothing to the Queen, especially when the capts turn prize-masters themselves, and give an accot of it to nobody if not discovered."

On the dorse is a minute on 18 Oct. 1706, for Mr Burchet to move his Royal Highness to give such orders as he thought proper. 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 20. 95. Memorial of Sir Stephen Fox to the Ld High Treasurer, for the restoration of a bakehouse lent by him to two servants of the bakehouse for the service of the court. Dated Whitehall, 20 Sept. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 9 Apr. 1707. My Lord is willing this bakehouse should be restored to Sir Ste. Fox if the Board of Greencloth have no objection." 1 *page.*

Sept. 22. 96. A particular of a quarter's wages ending at Midsummer last for the servants above-stairs, who are to attend her Mats service at Newmarket this season, 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Septr. 1706. Orderd accordingly & 3,000l more to ye cofferer upon accot for ye servts to attend ye Q. at New Market. Lre writ 25th do." 1 *page.*

Sept 23. 97. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, on the proposals of Mr Holt and Mr Williams to raise the price of tin. They had reported on the former proposals made by the same gentlemen, having conferred with some of the principal merchants who traded to the East Indies, and whose opinion was against raising the price, as it would encourage the importation from thence. Since the second reference to them of Mr Holt's proposal, a Dutch merchant from Siam (where the tin mines were) had assured them that these mines could not yield more than 50 or 60 tons per ann., that the Indians had occasion for more tin than the mines supplied, and the price there was 60 guilders *per cwt.*, which was dearer than here, and was not imported by the Dutch except as ballast; and it was scarce used in Europe for anything but for glazing earthenware, being bought up chiefly by the workmen of Liege for that purpose. They enquired of Mr Drummond in Holland upon these matters, and found the Dutch merchant was not to be relied on. They were advised by Mr Drummond that the best East India tin was finer than the English, and would beat into a finer leaf without cracking, and draw into threads like silver and gold. The mines in India were larger than ours, and if the English tin were raised above 45 guilders *per cwt.* (which used for many years to be under 38), the Dutch would soon supply themselves and other places from India. They imported 80 tons last year, and had imported formerly above 300 tons in one year, and a high price would encourage the Germans to work their mines faster. This account agreed with the opinion of the merchants here, and the opinion of the officers of the Mint was, that the price of tin could not be raised with advantage. Dated Mint Office, 23 Sept. 1706.

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This report is in Sir Isaac Newton's hand, whose signature and that of two others are appended.

The proposals referred to, and copy of a proposed advertisement in relation thereto. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 26. 98. Report of Sir Edwd Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the grounds there were for a prosecution to obtain the estate forfeited by Sir John Gifford for high treason, as desired by the Bishop of London. In the 13th year of Will. III. Sir John Gifford, late of the parish of St Martin's in the fields, in the co. of Middlesex, Bart., was outlawed, for holding correspondence with King James and remitting money to him. By the annexed affidavit it appeared very probable that Sir John was seized of an estate of the value of 500*l. per ann.* in the parishes of Burstall, Frisby, and Hoby, in the county of Leicester, which was forfeited; advises that a commission should issue to enquire thereof. Dated 26 Sept. 1706.

Letter of the Bishop of London and the affidavit.

Minuted:—"Read 26th Oct. 1706. A warr^t for a com^on according to this report." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 99. Report of the auditors (Harley and Maynwaring) to the Ld High Treasurer, on the report of Sir Stephen Fox and Sir Christopher Wren concerning the allowance of several sums demanded by the Earl of Ranelagh, upon his account of Chelsea Hospital for 4¼ years, ended the last of March 1692; also on the draft of a warrant as to the same; advising the allowance. Dated 28 Sept. 1706.

Minuted:—"13 Novr 1706. The w^t approved, but to pass und^r the privy seal."

Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh, the report, and the draft of warrant referred to, with some alterations proposed. 9 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 100. "Mr Howe's report on the memorial of the executrix of the late Qua^r Master Bennett for 227^li 2 11 for repaires at Whitehall, Kensington, Somerset house, and the Savoy." Dated 28 Sept. 1706.

The petition and a warrant.

Minuted:—"Read 28th May 1707. If any money comes in of the fonds of the year 1702, my Lord will direct this warr^t to be satisfyd." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 101. "An account of money granted in the session of parliament begin[n]ing the 27th of October 1705, for the service of the navy, according to the votes of the Honble House of Commons of the 15th November foll^o for maintaining 40,000 men at sea at the rate of iiij^li p man a month for the year, and of the 17th ditto for the ordinary of the navy." Dated 30 Sept. 1706. 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 102. "Debt of the Office of Ordnance for stores deliver'd & services perform'd to the 30th of September 1706." 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 103. Letter from Thomas Martin to John Tucker, Esq., at the Treasury, as to a bill drawn by him on Col. Richard, from whom he had received a letter dated Barcelona, 9 May. Also another bill drawn by Mr Ellys Terrell on Sir Henry Furnese. Mr Morice and

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the Consul were entirely satisfied with the method and clearness of the accounts carried on with the late Ambassador for his Catholic Majesty's service. The writer was engaged in the same service. Lord Galway and the Ambassador seemed at first very desirous to bring even the prisoners of Alcantara to the party of King Charles III., but afterwards they were not so forward; reckoning them not of much use, since the work went on so well without them. They might be necessary, and it would not be difficult to pick up 1,500 or 2,000 of them. He had sent Mr Waite orders for accoutrements for 1,000 soldiers, which he afterwards suspended. He had in his hands about 8,000 [pieces of eight ?] of the Prince of Hesse's bills drawn from Gibraltar, on the Ambassador. Dated "Lixa,"? 30 Sept. 1706. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 30. 104. Two quarterly reports of Mr W. Petyt, Keeper of the Records at the Tower of London, of the progress made in the calendars, &c., of the records there. The last dated 30 Sept. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 105. Allowances to ye officers of her Majties workes, and other incident charges for the month of Septembr 1706. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 9. 106. Representation of the Prize Comrs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to some fish in a prize ship, required to be exported without landing or paying the duty. They were of opinion it would be for her Majesty's service that a former order of the Comrs allowing the same should be made general. Dated 9 Oct. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Oct. 1706. My Lord agrees to this pticular case, but will give no generall order."

Copies of 4 other documents relating thereto. The last is the reply of the Comrs of Customs allowing the export. Dated 12 Oct. 1706. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 15. 107. "Lord Halifax memoriall for an allowance for the annuitys granted ann. 1704 & 1705. Dated 15 Oct. 1706. Also the memlls of ye Clerk of of ye Pells & ye 4 tellers." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 108. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer to the Comrs of the sick and wounded seamen, for payment to his executors of the disbursements made by George Dickenson, employed as their agent at Plymouth. Dated 15 Oct. 1706. 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 17. 109. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the better security of the revenue, with reference to drawbacks on goods shipped to be exported, and as to the regulation of the searchers. Dated 17 Oct. 1706.

Copies of two other reports from them of a previous date on the same subjects.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Oct. 1706. My Lord thinkes in regard the most materiall parts of the remedy proposed by this report cannot be come at wthout ye help of an act of parlt, it will be best to have the whole authorized by parlt." 8 *pages.*

[About Oct. 18.] 110. Petition of Thomas Jacob of Taunton, innholder, to the Lord High Treasurer. Complains that he had quartered about 100 of the

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Dutch troopers for 14 days on the landing of the late King in the west, and had not received any payment for the same. The late Col. Fowkes and Col. Mathews gave him notes for 137*l.* which were delivered to Sir John Trenchard; prays for a part thereof to keep him and his poor wife from starving.

Minuted:—"18th Oct. 1706. Too late now to come wth any demands of this kind." 1 *page.*

Oct. 18. 111. "A list of several prizes taken in the West Indies, &c., for which the captors nor agents have not accounted to the Prize Office." Dated 18 Oct. 1706.

Also a computation of their value. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 112. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the memorial of Edward Gibbon for payments for the clothing of the regiment sent to the West Indies in 1698 under command of Col. Collingwood. Dated 19 Oct. 1706.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 113. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on an application from the Comr of the Navy at Portsmouth, for a warrant to fell 65 trees in the New Forest, in lieu of so many of the last 500 felled there for the use of the navy as proved defective. He was of opinion they might be taken out of copices directed to be sold by warrant of 1 Feb. 1704, and advises that the copices should be fenced. Dated 21 Oct. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 28th Oct. 1706. Approved as to the trees only that are now desired by ye Comrs [of the] Navy."

The letter applying for the same. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 114. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, being a reply to a memorial of Sir Henry Dutton Colt and others, relating to the accounts of Mr Weston, Receiver General of the county of Surrey. Dated 21 Oct. 1706.

The memorial referred to, Mr Weston's account, and four other papers relating thereto. 13 *pages or parts of pages.*

[? About Oct. 22.] 115. Memorial of Mr William Palmes to the Lord High Treasurer. Upon examination into the estate of Dickenson, forfeited for high treason, he found it "attended with more difficulties than his present circumstances would admit of;" but he was informed the estates of Sir John Gifford and Thomas Ecleston, Esq., were under the like forfeiture. Prays a warrant for a commission to enquire into them, and a grant of what he discovered to be forfeited.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Oct. 1706. My Lord thinkes this will be only chargeable & troublesome to him and of no advantage." 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 116. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer to the Auditors of her Majesty's Imprests, issued upon consideration of the report made by the latter and the Controllers of the Army, relating to the state of the accounts of Charles Fox, Esq., as paymaster of the forces, viz., directing the payment to him of 32,043*l.* 6*s.* 8½*d.*, and such further

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sums as are specified in the minutes in the margin of the report. Dated 23 Oct. 1706.

Attached to the report referred to. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 23. 117. Report of the Attorney General to the Ld High Treasurer on the petitions of Stephen Bouxin, a French Protestant refugee, and on the petition and case of Mrs Pigou and her children, viz., as to the right to a legacy of 5,000 French livres and the fourth part of the distributory estate of James Pigou, deceased. Judith Pigou, a Frenchwoman, deceased, had in 1678 left by will the 5,000 French livres to James Baron her grandson, and had also left her sons, James and Stephen Pigou, her executors, who fled to England for their religion. As the latter had not paid the legacy to Baron, who was an alien enemy to the Queen, it was forfeited. Dated 23 Oct. 1706.

Two petitions of Stephen Bouxin, two affidavits of Magdalen Bouxin, one of Stephen Bouxin, and the case of Mrs Pigou and her children.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Novr 1706. Let this be granted to Mr Borret in trust as to one third for Mrs Pigou, the other 2/3^ds^ to the pet^r^." 11 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 118. Report of Mr Chr. Tilson on the victuallers' accounts. Dated 24 Oct. 1706.

Also report of the Com^rs^ of Victualling. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 119. Letter signed "J. Bridger," commencing "My Lords." Encloses a list of the exports from Boston in New England; prays their L^ps^ order to the Custom House officers on the continent to send him a quarterly account of each species of naval stores exported. The state of the woods was very bad. This necessitated his making a survey, which was difficult to make. The Indians had been twice seen that week, which obliged him to be at the charge of a guard. It was absolutely necessary to appoint at least two deputies on that river (there being not less than 70 odd saw mills), and he had appointed them. Dated Piscataqua, Oct. 24, 1706. 3 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 26.] 120. Memorial of Charles, Duke of Grafton, to the Lord High Treasurer. The Honor of Grafton, &c., late in jointure to her late Majesty, Catherine, Queen Dowager, having come to the Duke on her death, and the counterparts of leases, &c. being in the hands of her trustees, the Duke had obtained an order for their delivery to Mr Travers, her Majesty's Surveyor General, but the trustees had not yet delivered them; asks his L^p's^ assistance to obtain them.

Minuted:—"Read 26th October 1706. My Lord is doing all he can to get the books and counterparts of leases, &c. from Q. Dowager's exec^rs^; but upon his Lo^ps^ speaking wth Mr Att. Gen^ll^ about the Duke's case, Mr Att. is of opinion the best, speediest, & most effectuall way will be to exhibit a bill ag^t^ ye said trustees." 2 *pages.*

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[? About Oct. 26.] 121. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer to James Brydges, Esq., paymaster of the forces acting with the allies, for the payment to John How, Esq., paymaster of the guards, garrisons, &c. of 1,130*l.* 5*s.* 6¼*d.*

About 26 Oct. 1706. See *Disposition Book*, Vol. II. p. 185. 1 *page.*

Oct. 26. 122. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, together with an estimate of the cost of additional accommodation for the Annuity Office at the Exchequer. Dated 26 Oct. 1706. 1 *page.*

Oct. 28. 123. "Paymar of ye workes allowance in ye office," with this note at the end:—"These fees & allowances were established in ye reigne of his late Majt King Charles ye 2d." Dated 28 Oct. 1706. *A few lines.*

Oct. 30. 124. Letter signed William Dummer, informing his "Lordship" of the arrival of the West India mail. The captain reported that Sir Wm Whetstone intended to sail with the Jamaica fleet under his convoy for England the latter end of September. The privateers of that island had brought in two ships bound for France worth 15,000*l.* On the 8th of Oct. he saw the Virginia fleet. They were 200 sail, under convoy of four men of war, and they judged themselves to be about 200 leagues to the eastward of Virginia. Dated London, 30 Oct. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 125. An estimate of the debt of her Majesty's navy as its stood on 30 Sept. 1706. Dated Navy Office, 30 Oct. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 126. Letter of Mr J. Brydges, commencing "My Lord." He had made choice of Captn Cartwright to reside at Antwerp, to manage the remittances made directly thither, Mr Sweet having no one with him fit for that charge, and in his room Mr Sloper (then under Mr How, a very able and diligent officer) was desirous to be employed. Dated 31 Oct. 1706. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 31. 127. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the proper persons to perform the work at the annuity office of the Exchequer. They knew no other than the office of works and the artizans, who by their patents had a right to perform all works relating to the Crown by the direction of the surveyor of the works; nor did they know any other artizans proper to the Exchequer business, unless it were their own smith to make and mend their locks, as in her Majesty's palaces the locks of the Privy lodgings were in the hands of the Ld Chamberlain's smith. In the Earl of Danby's time when his Lp required a schedule of all buildings of the crown in their charge, the Exchequer was included. Dated 31 Oct. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 1mo Nov. 1706.

"My Lord agrees to this report & directs Sir Chr. Wren to cause [here it breaks off]. 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 128. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of the Earl of Feversham, in relation to the office of

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Master Warden and Ranger of Whittlewood Forest. His opinion was that the late Queen Dowager could not grant the office for a longer term than her life, and that the Earl stood in need of her Majesty's royal favour for continuing him in that office. Dated 31 Oct. 1706.

The opinions of Mr Serjeant Brodricke and Mr Webb on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

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Nov. 4. 1. Representation of Thomas Cornwallis, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for the royal bounty. His Lordship was not a stranger to his almost five years' attendance; and to serve her Majesty he had to sell his paternal annuity. Dated 4 Nov. 1706. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 2. Certificate of the inhabitants of the parish of Porchester in the co. of Southampton, addressed to the Ld High Treasurer, of their desire that Daniel Speering and two others should receive and lay out her Majesty's bounty towards repairing their church. Dated 6 Nov. 1706. 1 *page.*

Nov. 7. 3. Report of the Attorney General to the Ld High Treasurer, approving of the draft of a warrant for granting certain lands in Ireland to Philip Savage, Esq., and others, in trust for Edward Griffith, Esq. Dated 7 Nov. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Nov. 1706. It may go on." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 7.] 4. Petition of the Right Hon. John Lord Cutts, Baron Cutts of Gowran, Ireland, and Governor and Captain of all the castles and fortifications in the Isle of Wight, and likewise bailiff, steward, and receiver general of the revenue belonging to the crown, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer; praying for repayment out of the Exchequer of the amount paid in as surplus in his declared account.

Minuted:—"7 Nov. 1706. Order'd."

Certificate relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 5. Memorial by the late Comrs for transportation to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for stay of process. Dated 7 Nov. 1706.

Minuted:—"20 Nov. 1706. Stay process till ye end of next Hillary term."

Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 7.] 6. Petition of the subaltern officers of the two late marine regiments commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir

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Cloudesley Shovell to the Lord High Treasurer. They had been kept out of their pay for their service in those regiments for nearly eight years; praying payment.

Minuted:—"7 Nov. 1706. My Lord will order Mr Audr Harley to attend him abt this when he comes to town."

Letter from them to Mr Lowndes on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 8. 7. Petition of George, Bp of St Davids, to the Ld High Treasurer, asking that in consideration of the smallness of the revenue of the bishopric (450*l.* a year), his expenses, payment of first fruits, &c., that the arrears due to the bishopric might be allowed him to pay the costs of repair of the palace and other buildings. Setting out also: The condition in which he found the palace at Abergwilly, the college & chapel at Brecon, the school house, barns, stables, and other out-houses. The palace was so ruinous that it could not be inhabited until repaired. Dated Nov. 8, 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 17 Nov. 1706. A privy seal to grant so much of these temporaltys as are in the tenant's hands, and Lucy to be discharged of all he has recd and not answered to the crown; upon his quitting all pretences to any further demands upon accot of charges, service, & expence upon accot of prosecuting the late Bp."

Petition of Mr Lucy on the subject of these arrears. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 8. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on a memorial of the Comrs for victualling the Navy as to certain oil detained for the duty. Drawing attention also to frauds by the victualling hoys. Dated 9 Nov. 1706.

The memorial referred to, and an account of goods found on board, the men-of-war.

Minuted:—"Read 15th Nov. 1706. My Lord orders that the duty be paid for these oyles." 4¼ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 9. Letter from Mr Thomas Hinde to the Honble Robert Harley, Esq., Principal Secretary of State, offering for 100 guineas to discover concealed goods "in runn" to the value of 6,000*l.* on getting a warrant to seize the same. Dated London, 10 9br 1706. 1 *page.*

Nov. 10. 10. An additional establishment of two regiments of foot and three squadrons of horse of the Elector Palatine's troops. Dated 10 Nov. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 11. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Jelles Helker, master of the ship Willow Tree, of Friesland, as to the seizure of certain money found on board his ship. Dated 13 Nov. 1706.

Minuted:—"19th Mar. 1706/7. My Lord will give the petr so much as the Queen's part of the said seizure amts to out of sec. service mo, but thinkes 'twould be of ill ꝑcedt to ordr a wt for it to ye custome ho."

The petition and four other papers. 6½ *pages.*

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Nov. 14. 12. A certificate of the traders in whalebone as to the continuance of a clandestine importation of whalebone, notwithstanding the late Act of Parliament for prevention thereof. Dated 14 Nov. 1706.

Also another paper *docquetted*:—"Proposals to prevent ye smuggling of whalebone."

Minuted:—"15th Novr 1706. Mr Billers to attend the Com^rs Customes with what he thinks proper to prevent the running of whalebone." 2¼ *pages.*

Nov. 14. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of John Baskett, stationer, offering to supply the Com^rs and officers of the Customs with stationery wares at 20 per cent. less than they were paying to Mr Sharpe, who was admitted to supply those stores by his L^ps direction, recommending the tender to be accepted for four years. Dated 14 Nov. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 15th Nov. 1706. The Com^rs to take care that the rates proposed by Basket be not exceeded, and they are to imploy him jointly with Mr Sharp, but Mr Sharp must serve his goods as cheap & good as those to be served by the other."

The petition, and a letter from John Baskett on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 14. Letter from Mr E. Dummer to the Ld High Treasurer. He had discoursed Sir Henry Furnace. The latter proposed the hire of a suitable vessel to be employed as an advice boat between "Lisbon and the other ports of Spain, in the interest of King Charles," and to come from thence occasionally to England. The proprietors could not maintain the vessel under 245*l.* 10*s.* a calendar month, and her value, if captured by the enemy, to be paid to the owners. Dated 15 9^br 1706. 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 15.] 15. The demands of Mr Sweet, deputy paymaster to her Majesty's forces in the Netherlands, for extraordinaries from the 24th December 1704 to the 23^d Decr 1705.

Minuted:—"15 Novr 1706. Write to Mr St John to prepare a warr^t." 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 16. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on a charge made against Thomas Osmond, surveyor of the duties on houses and marriages for the co. of Northampton, of influencing a voter by excusing him from the window tax. Dated Nov. 15, 1706.

Four papers connected therewith. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Penneck and Francis Clies to be permitted to compound for some duties on tobacco. Dated 15 Nov. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 15th Novemb^r 1706. The pet^rs to propose to the Com^rs Customes what they can pay for a comp^on."

Two petitions and copy of an Act of Parliament. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 18. Report from the same to the same, on the petition of Wm Paul and Christopher Clitherow, Esq., as to a lease of the prizage of wines in the port of London. Dated 15 Nov. 1706.

The petition and three other documents. 7 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Nov. 15. 19. Letter of Mr Dod and Mr Waters, unaddressed, as to "derelict wines condemned, to the Ld High Admiral at Plymouth," and lately arrived at the port of London. Dated 15 Nov. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 20th Novr 1706. The customes to be paid as is proposed by the report, but not to be sold, his Royal Highness having given order to ye contrary."

Copy of warrant relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 20. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer on an application of Mr Dawson, clerk of the Paper Office in Ireland, recommending the allowance of 100*l.* per ann. more to him for clerks in his office. Their business was to transcribe the books and papers in both secretaries' offices, and what was done in former governments, that duplicates might be left in the office for the instruction and direction of succeeding Chief Governors, and for the benefit of her Majesty's subjects in that kingdom, the several Chief Governors on their leaving that government constantly taking with them their own books and papers for their justification, in which that office differs from the Paper Office here, where the original books and papers themselves are kept, without being transcribed. Dated 19 Nov. 1706. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 20.] 21. Petition of Alice Lister, widow, to the Ld High Treasurer. Petitioner's husband, Lieut. Thomas Lister, served in the army 15 years, viz., in Flanders, the West Indies, and Spain, and was raised to be lieutt of grenadiers in Ld Charlemount's regiment, but died in a voyage between Catalonia and Lisbon; prays assistance for herself and helpless orphans.

Minuted:—"Read 20th Novr 1706." 1 *page.*

Nov. 20. 22. Representation of the Comrs for granting wine licences to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sir Basil Firebrace as to the privileges of the university of Cambridge in the granting licences in Cambridge and Sturbridge Fair. Their opinion was that a licence from the university was not sufficient, without having her Majesty's licence from that office. Dated 20 Nov. 1706.

The second minute on the back is:—"18 Dec. 1706. His Lordp hath been pleased to direct that ye Commrs shall not proceed any further in this matter till they shall receive his Lordp's particular directions in that behalf."

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 20.] 23. Petition of Mary Purdon, wife of Captain George Purdon, to the Ld High Treasurer. Petitioner's husband had formerly represented his losses on the capitulation of Limerick. Her husband lay ill in the country, having absconded from his creditors, and she was daily expecting her goods to be seized and herself turned into the street; prays relief.

Minuted:—"20 Nov. 1706. To pay her 30li out of secret service mo." "Pd 23th Novr 1706." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 22.] 24. "Accot of the deficiencies provided for by the 2d general mortgage."

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It is divided under two columns, viz. :—Deficiencies as computed by Act of Parliament, and—How they stood the 22th of November 1706. ½ *page.*

[About Nov. 23.] 25. Memorial of the Marquis of Montandre to the Lord High Treasurer. He had acted as Major Genl from the first campaign in Portugal, &c. ; asks for his pay, and hopes to obtain a command from her Majesty as Major General.

Minuted:—"23 Nov. 1706. Mr Bridges saies he has his pay as brigadier, from X May 1705 to Xmas 1706 ready, when he comes for it. He is to have pay as a Major Genll on ye establishmt, in the service of ye K. of Portugal, pursuant to ye treaty from Xmas next. My Lord thinks he has served well, & deserves well to have a regimt." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 25.] 26. Memorial of Robert Lucy, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a state of his account of the revenues of the bishopric of St Davids; asks for some of the arrears to be allowed him for his expense in the prosecution of Doctor Watson, the late bishop, on which he had spent upwards of 2,000*l.*

Minuted:—"Read 25 Nov. 1706. My Lord is pleased to move ye Queen for ye 213*l.* he hath already received, & to give him a genl dische, and if Mr Lucy receives any more of ye arrears into his hands, my Lord will move her Maty to grant them to ye psent bishop for him to recover of ye said Mr Lucy." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 29.] 27. Petition of Thomas Knox, Esq., Surveyor General of the coasts of Ireland, for prevention of the export of wool into France. Petitioner had spent about four years and above 500*l.* in money on that service, and could not execute the office for 65*l.* per ann., which was all that was allowed by the Comrs in Ireland; asks for reimbursement.

Minuted:—"Read 29 9br 1706. Repeat ye direction to the Comrs of ye Revenue of Ireland to report forthwith."

A previous petition from him, and the account of his expenses. 4½ *pages.*

[About Nov. 29.] 28. Petition of Charles Mason, Esq., Treasurer of the Transports, to the Lord High Treasurer. The cash was kept in iron chests, one key being held by the Comrs of Transports, and the other by the cashier. Petitioner's security wished to be discharged, as the cash was in the power of the Comrs, &c. ; prays for the obligations to be given up and cancelled, and that he might execute the office as other cashiers did.

Minuted:—"29 Nov. 1706. My Lord sees no weight in the petrs allegacon, because ye cash cannot be touched by ye Commrs, & therefore his Lordp adheres to his former ordr." 1 *page.*

Nov. 30. 29. Report of Mr Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Diplock, mariner, for a reward for the apprehension of two persons, who were put on shore from a French sloop near Seaford in Sussex. Testifying to the truth of their appre-

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hension, and to their being delivered to the Earl of Nottingham. Dated 30 Nov. 1706.

The petition, two other papers, and a proclamation. 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

Nov. 30. 30. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment for the arms, &c. supplied to Nevis and St Christophers, as well as for other stores lately sent thither, amounting to 4,368*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* Dated 30 Nov. 1706.

Also an estimate. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Nov. 30.] 31. Petition of John Crowne, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. He was sunk in deep necessities by the loss of his hand in America; prays his Lordship to extend that goodness to him which had made him honoured by all who knew him, and to issue an order for his relief.

Minuted:—" To be paid 50li."

There are two notices of him in the *Money Book*, Vol. XVIII. pp. 110 and 351. The payments are each 50*l.*, but his " last payment" must be that on 24 Dec. 1705. 1 *page.*

Dec. 2. 32. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Hamworth Fitch, formerly a teller and receiver of excise; if he deserved any further allowance or reward they were of opinion that it ought to be made by the cashier, whom he had served. Dated 2 Dec. 1706.

The petition referred to.

Minuted:—" Read." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 33. Letter of Mr William Sloper to Mr John Taylour, enclosing an abstract of Lord Ranelagh's hospital account from 1687 to 1692, for passing which a sign manual was necessary. Dated 4 Dec. 1706.

The abstract. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 34. Memorial of the Patent Searchers of the Port of London to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his Lordship their proposals as a further security for the due exportation of goods drawing back the several duties by debentures. Dated Dec. 4, 1706.

Another proposal. Delivered 6 June 1706.

A petition from them. Dated 6 July 1706; and

The " searchers' answer to the Comrs of the Customs on their minute, dated 11 July 1706; delivered to Mr Savage p Mr Walker, 26 July 1706," on the same or kindred subjects. 6½ *pages.*

[About Dec. 5.] 35. Petition of Mary Brooks, widow, for herself and three fatherless children, and for the rest of the merchants of London, owners of the ship Joseph, to the Queen, as to the payment of 1,147*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, for the hire of the ship. Referred to the Council of the Ld High Admiral. 5 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

Dec. 5. 36a. Report of Mr. Edward Wilcox to the Ld High Treasurer, on the memorial of the principal Officers and Comrs of the Navy, and on a letter from Captn Townsend, Comr at Portsmouth, complaining of the difficulty in procuring timber, especially knees and standards, and proposing to cut 500 pairs from the decaying trees of New Forest.

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The report advises the cutting of one fifth of that amount. His opinion was that the timber of that forest should not be cut except on extraordinary occasions, but should be preserved as a check upon the timber merchants, who, when it was gone, would impose what rates they pleased. Dated 5 Dec. 1706.

Two letters, and copy of a third on the same subject. 4¼ *pages.*

Dec. 6. 36b. An estimate of the charge of the Office of Ordnance for the year 1707. 1 *page.*

Dec. 7. 37. Letter of the Duke of Ormonde to the Ld High Treasurer, as to a pension to Mrs Mary O'Hara. Dated 7 Dec. 1706.

Her petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 38. Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the memorial of the Countess of Dorchester for her arrears of pension out of the quit rents in Ireland, &c. Dated 10 Dec. 1706.

Copy of the foregoing. Three of the paragraphs are minuted, "Orderd."

Part also of a warrant relating to these arrears (*much decayed*).

There is also this minute on the dorse:—

"Read 15th Jan^ry^ 1706/7. A w^t^ to be prepared for ye Q^s^ hand to direct the Gov^rs^ of Irel^d^ for the time being to cause the sums menc̃oned in this rep^t^ to be allow'd to the Countess of Dorchester, to wit, 1,543*l.* 12*s.* 11²/₃*d.*, 1,125*l.*, & 96*l.* 3*s.* 7½*d.*"

Report of Mr Richard Thompson, Clerk of the Quit Rents, to the Com^rs^ & Chief Governors of the Revenue in Ireland, giving a state of the arrears due to her Ladyship. 7½ *pages and one broad sheet.*

[? About Dec. 10.] 39. Petition of the Lady Catherine de Bourbon to the Ld High Treasurer. Petitioner was the daughter of "Messure" Gideon de Bourbon, Lord of Basian, of the house of Bourbon, and widow of "Messuire" John de Boulouixs, a Protestant of Guienne in France; was left a considerable estate by her husband; was forced into a nunnery, and about seven years before escaped to England.

Certificate of two ministers of the French church of the Savoy in her favour. Dated 10 Dec. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 40. An account of what has been received and paid for the service in Spain by James Brydges, Esq., for the year 1706. Dated Whitehall, 11 Dec. 1706. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 41. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue for Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Lady Russel. When the Lady Dorchester's arrears were satisfied, the surplusage over 3,500*l.* per ann. might be paid into the Exchequer or to Lady Russel. Dated 12 Dec. 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Jan^ry^ 1706.

"My Lady Dorchester's patent entitling her to the whole 5,000*l.* a year quit rent till her arr^s^ are fully satisfyd, my Lord directs that as soon as she shall be fully satisfyd her said arr^s^, the Com^rs^ of the Revenue are to call upon the Lady Dorchester's agents to pay into the Exchequer of Ireland ye reserved rent of 1,500*li.* a year; or so much thereof as the said Countess is not entitled to, and y^e^

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m° so to be paid in, be applyd to the paym^t of ye 600^li a year to ye Lady Russell & ye arrears thereof according to her grant in that behalfe. A w^t to be prepared accordingly." 1 *page.*

Dec. 13. 42. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Richard Richards, asking for remission of the Queen's part of the penalty of 50*l.* for lending his brewing utensils; they did not object. Dated Dec. 13, 1706.

Minuted—"16 June 1707. Approvd."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 13 43. Letter signed Ad. Cardonnel jointly with Sr Gilbert Heathcot, introducing Mr Anderson to M^r. Lowndes. Dated 13 Dec. 1706. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 14. 44. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, as to certain goods of the ambassador of Morocco. Dated 14 Dec. 1706.

A letter from C. Hedges, and an account of the goods.

Minuted:—"Read 10th Jan^ry 1706. The dutys are appropriated & cannot be remitted, unless the goods are such as were brought wth the amb^r or his retinue." 4 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 45. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, on a reconsideration of his and Mr Surveyor General's report relating to the purchase of Cotton House. They valued it at 4,000*l.*, but Sir John Cotton still insisted upon 5,000*l.* Upon further conference he insisted on 4,800*l.* Recommends 4,500*l.* to be paid. To show what rooms there were for the reception of her Majesty's library at St James', and for the library of Gresham College (if it should be removed), he had annexed the plans of both buildings. The library at St James was a lofty room, and shelved as full as it could well be, and yet a great number of books remained in heaps for want of room. He had measured where shelves could be made in Cotton House (for the rooms were small, ceilings low, &c.), and yet the Queen's books might conveniently be contained in the bigger rooms, reserving the room of records for the same use, &c. But the books, rarities, and instruments of Gresham College could hardly be brought thither. Both these libraries might be purged of much useless trash, but this must be the drudgery of librarians, &c. Dated 15 Dec. 1706.

Petition of William Hanbury, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer. By permission of his brother-in-law, Sir John Cotton, he had lived several years in Cotton House. Desired his Lordship would let him continue there as housekeeper. Besides his former services, he had procured the consent of a person to the Act for vesting the house in her Majesty, which person had refused to give it until a security was given up.

The consent of Sir John Cotton to abate the 200*l.* referred to.

The plans referred to. 3 *pages and the plans.*

Dec. 16. 46. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the [Duke of Ormonde], as to the cost of building the barracks near Dublin. Dated Dublin Castle, 16 Dec. 1706.

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With this is:—"An estimate of the charge of building an arsenal in her Majesty's park near Dublin." Signed Tho. Burgh, engineer gen[l], ? as to date. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 47. "Report upon M[r] S[t] John's fire for the clothing a detachment of invalids." Dated Pay Office, 17 Dec. 1706.

With a minute to inquire what the clothing might amount to. Also a memorial on account for guards, &c. 1 *page.*

Dec. 17. 48. Affidavit of M[r] William Bowyer as to the printing the 4th tome of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 17 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 49. Copy of M[r] Thomas Martin's account in Spanish of moneys paid by M[r] John Methuen, for the subsistence, clothing, and arming of Spaniards. With a certificate of Father Albaro Cienfuegos of the company of Jesus, plenipotentiary of King Charles III. of Portugal, viz., of the correctness of the account. Dated 18 Dec. 1706. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 50. Letter signed "A. Stanyan," asking for payment of his ordinary and extraordinary entertainment. If the favour were granted he would never ask the like again. Dated Berne, Dec. 18, 1706.

Minuted:—"A state to be made of what is due to him." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 51. Letter from M[r] W[m] Popple, junior, to W[m] Lowndes, Esq. The Com[rs] of Trade and Plantations had received an Act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, to the like purpose as that passed for Virginia, as to the settlement of towns, ports, wharfs, &c. Sends a copy thereof for the L[d] High Treasurer to move the Com[rs] of Customs thereupon. Dated 20 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

Dec. 20. 52. Presentment of the Com[rs] of Prizes to the L[d] High Treasurer, recommending Consul Thomas Kirke, the person who then managed the prize affairs, to be the prize agent at Genoa, in preference to M[r] Scudamore and M[r] Henshaw. Dated Prize Office, 20 Dec. 1706.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

A memorial in favour of Scudamore and Henshaw.

Testimonial in favour of Kirke. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 53. Presentment of the Com[rs] for Prizes to the L[d] High Treasurer, in favour of a proposition of their agents at Maryland, Mess[rs] James and Hercules Couts, to remit bills of exchange for 5*l.* per cent. Dated 20 Dec. 1706.

Minuted:—"Respited." 1 *page.*

Dec. 21. 54. Extract of the letter of the Lady Russell's agent in Ireland to the Earl of Orford, as to the affairs of the Lady Russel, who had a claim to rents in Ireland, in which the Countess of Dorchester had an interest. Dated Dublin, 21 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

Dec. 22. 55. "Present establishment for the four companys of invalids." Dated 22 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 23. 56. "Forrage & waggon money allowed on Catalonia establishment from 24th Xbr 1705 to 23 Xber 1706." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 57. "A state of the accot of the Royal Hospital to the 23d of December 1706" as regards the funds. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 58. Establishment of several additional general officers for the forces in the Low Countries from 24 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 59. The secretary's account of petty expenses in the service of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations from Midsummer to Christmas 1706. 2 *pages.*

[About Dec.] 60. "Mr John Meesters, his reply to the report made of his accots by the Commissioners of the Navy to the Ld High Treasurer."

See *Letter Book,* Vol. 12, p. 263, under date 25 Nov. 1706, where these matters were referred to the Comrs of the Navy to report upon, 1½ *pages.*

26 Dec. 61. [Quarterly ?] report of Mr Petyt, Keeper of the Records at the Tower, viz., of the work done in sorting the records there. Dated 26 Dec. 1706. 1 *page.*

Dec. 62. An account of goods imported, duty free, for the use of the manufactories in Scotland in a year's time ended December 1706, abstracted from the late taxmen's books, with a computacon of the duties then payable. Reduced into English money. 2 *large pages.*

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63. Petition of William, Lord Viscount Cheyne, Clerk of the Pipe, the secondaries and sworn clerks there, John Potenger, Esq., Controller of the Pipe, and Henry Ballow and John Smith, Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer, asking for a warrant for payment of their fees to Midsummer 1706. 1 *page.*

64. Balance sheet on the King of Spain's account for the year 1706. 2 *pages.*

65. Memorial of John Clarke to the Lord High Treasurer. He had been twice recommended by the Duke of Marlborough to his Lordship. For many years he served his late Majesty as chamber keeper to the pages of the bedchamber and her present Majesty at the backstairs. Asks for a stamper's place. 1 *page.*

66. Memorial of the Lord Fitzharding, Treasurer of the Chamber, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to his fees and allowances. Asking for directions to be given for passing his accounts as heretofore. 1 *page.*

67. Petition of John Weston, Esq., Receiver General for the county of Surrey, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to arrears of the land tax. The whole tax of the Bishopric of Winchester was in arrear. Prays a warrant to stop process till he could receive the arrears.

Minuted:—"Stay process till ye end of next Tr. Term." 1 *page.*

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68. State of the payments to the Victualling for the years 1702 to 1706. 1 *page, quarto.*

69. An abstract of all the tin coined and paid for at the respective coinage towns in Devon, at Christmas coinage, 1706, and also of the surplus tin coined in Cornwall at Midsummer and Michaelmas coinages, 1706, and which remained over and above the complement of the 1,600 tons, being one year's proportion.

It shows the tinners' names. 17 *pages.*

70. "An accompt of Her Maties proportion of subsidies payable to the allies, pursuant to the treaties for the year 1706." 1 *page.*

71. State of receipts and payments on account of the sum of 250,000*l.* given by Parliamt for prosecuting the successes of King Charles the 3d, anno 1706.

Two other papers on the same subject. 7 *pages.*

72. Duplicate account, with some trifling variations.

"Cash paid on accompt of the public, pursuant to the Earl of Peterborow's warrt."

An accompt of the receipts and payments of James Brydges, Esq., for the use of her Maties forces and other services in Spain for the year ending the 23th of Decembr 1706.

An abstract of what was receiv'd and paid in London for the service of Spain for the year 1706, not including the payments or transactions abroad. 15 *pages.*

73. Memorial of Mr Wm Hewer to the Lord High Treasurer. As executor of the late honoured Saml Pepys, Esq., he laid an abstract of the accounts of Mr Pepys, both as to the navy and to Tangier, before them, as also of his own, having succeeded Mr Pepys in his treasurership. Prays that the auditors might be directed to lay the state of the accounts before their Lps, and that a warrant might be issued to stay process against him. [Between 1706 and 1710.]

Minuted thus:—"Stop the process till*
supersede any issued & dicha the issues.
My Lord cannot now appt a day to determine this accot." 1 *page.*

74. A few memoranda of the names of officers in the army, showing where they went. Some went to the relief of Barcelona at the beginning of 1706. ½ *page.*

75. "Extraordinary charges on accompt of the expedition under the Earl Rivers." 1 *page.*

76. "An accot of the distribution of 96,729*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* given by Parliamt for maintaining 5,000 men in Catalonia in the year 1706." 1 *page.*

77. "Extraordinary charges of the war in the years 1705 and 1706, for horses of the English troops and foreigners in English pay killed and lost on service, and that have died by the common distemper, for which no provision has yet been made by Parliament." 2 *pages.*

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78. "A certificate of all money received and paid for . . . . Mãties guards, &c., from the 10th June to the 8th July 1706 incl. for the service of the present year." 1¼ *pages.*

79. New Year's Gifts, 1706. Apparently sums paid. 1 *page, quarto.*

80. State of the demand from the Company of Apothecaries for medicines furnished to the marines at Gibraltar. 3 *pages.*

81. Two papers entitled: "A state of the debts of the kingdom of England."
Another: "A state of the revenues & publique income, also of the debts of the kingdom of England."
These are drafts, and mixed up with them are other memoranda of a kindred nature. 13 *pages.*

82. "Calculation of the charge for each 100 horse & men to be transported from Genoa to Barcelona." 1 *page.*

83. "An accot of the distribution of the sum of 250,000*l.* granted by Parliament for her Majesty's proportion of the charge towards prosecuting the successes of King Charles the Third, for the year 1706, with the excess thereupon." 2 *pages.*

84. "Copy of the establishmt for the general and staff officers and contingencies of the 10,000 men in the Low Countries for the year 1706." 1 *page.*

85. "Double" of the royal boroughs' address to her Majesty on the success of her arms under the Duke of Marlborough. [? 1705 or 1706.] 1 *page.*

86. "The sums voted, addressed for, or enacted upon accot of publiq services in the session of Parliament begun the 25th day of Octor 1705, and ended ye 19th day of Mar. 1705–6."
Also: "The grants in parliament, with the deficiencies thereupon." 2 *pages.*

87. An account of services not provided for by the last sessions of Parliament.
Also: "An estimate of what may be necessary to be demanded in parliamt for the service of next year, over and above what was granted for the last." 3 *pages.*

88. "Accot showing the moneys arisin[g] at ye Excheqr between Michas 1705 & Michas 1706 upon certain funds and revenues unappropriated by parliament, with the payments made out of the same within that time." 2 *pages.*

89. An order addressed to the Right Hon. Mr Baron Scrope, relating to the Queen's salt remaining in Scotland. ? 1706. Compare *Annals of Queen Ann's Reign* for 1706, p. 33. 1 *page.*

90. Proposals and other papers as to the wine licences and hawkers' duty. ? About the year 1706. 14 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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91. A paper as to the manufacture of iron in England, and as to a proposal to put on a duty of 20*s.* more per ton than was already laid on it. At the Still yard and Dyers yard there were such quantities of iron as never were known, and about half belonged to the Swedes, who intended to make us weary of making iron in England. 1 *page.*

92. "Reasons why the charge of ye repairs of her Maj^ties^ palaces & houses of accesse does amount to more att this present, then in ye reigne of his late Maj^ty^ King Charles ye Second." The year 1706 by mention of the procession to St Paul's.
Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Qu." 1 *page* [*one of the signatures cut away*].

93. Petition of John Irwin, a prisoner in the gaol of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, to the Lord High Treasurer; praying to be released from prison, where he was confined for assaulting custom-house officers, being unable to pay the fine of 40*l.* 1 *page.*

94. Memorial of Mr Wm Houstoune to the Ld High Treasurer, as to payment of arrears of an allowance called a "small aliment" of 40*l.* a year.
Minuted:—"P^d^ 40^l^ 21 Jan^ry^ last." 13 *lines.*

95. "A copy of the Auditors of Imprests' memorial to the R^t^ Honble the Lord High Treasurer, with some remarques made by the said aud^rs^ on the severall accompts mentioned therein." After 1705. 6 *pages.*

96. Observations on a paper sent from Scotland in the letters of the 7th of November instant, relating to several articles in the treaty of union.
Another paper similarly entitled. (Drafts.) 5¼ *pages.*

[? 1706, or a little later.] 97. Establishm^t^ of the general and staff officers at Gibraltar; recommended by the Earl of Portmore.
Establishm^t^ of the hospital at Gibraltar; recommended by the same. 2 *pages.*

[? 1706 or 1707.] 98. Memorial of Sir Jeoffrey Jeffreys, Knt., in behalf of his kinsman, Walter Jeffreys, who was receiver of the temporalties of St David's, asking that he might be allowed certain disbursements. 2 *pages.*

[? 1706 or 1707.] 99. Memorial of Lieut.-General Lumly to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a warrant for payment of the money for the clothing the Queen's own regiment of horse, that the coats might be in readiness by 3 Feb. 1707. 1 *page.*

[Between 1706 and 1710.] 100. Memoranda as to grants of the old and new subsidies of tonnage and poundage. 2¼ *pages.*

[Between 1706 and 1710.] 101. "Proposal for charging the revenues of Excise, Post Office, &c., with 50,000*l.* per ann. for the Princess." 1 *page, quarto.*

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102. Thirteen letters of the Com^rs of the Navy addressed to Sir Thomas Littleton, Treasurer of the Navy, or to Mr Lowndes, on the business of the Navy Office. Dated in 1706.
[These will probably be found entered in the *Navy Letter Book.*]

103. Three similar letters, and a report of the Com^rs of Victualling.

104. Eighteen proposals of Sir Theodore Janssen, Sir Henry Furnese, James Milner, and Nicholas Tourton & Co. as to the remittance of money abroad, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. Between February and December 1706.

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105. An estimate of the public expense for the year 1707, and ways and means proposed to meet the same. 5 *pages.*

106. An estimate of the charge of the office of Her Majesty's Ordnance for the year 1707 for the sea service. ½ *page.*

107. Estimate of the troops of augmentation in the Low Countries, and the charge thereof for the year 1707. Also copy thereof. 2 *pages.*

108. Estimate of 40,000 men to act in conjunction with the forces of the allies in the Low Countries, with the charge thereof for the year 1707. 2½ *pages.*

109. Another estimate for the same men, differing in some particulars. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

110. Establishment of the forces in Spain for the year 1707; also for the additional forces. 4½ *pages.*

111. An acco^t of what may be saved upon the establishments of the forces in the year 1707. 1 *page.*

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1706–7. Jan. 1. Paper entitled "A year's gifts, 1706/7," apparently sums presented from different departments to the officers at the Treasury. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 7. 2. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on the representation of the Com^rs for Trade and Plantations "concerning the importation of naval stores from the plantations, and how the words 'good and merchantable,' in the Act relating thereto, are to be understood," approving of the preparation and introduction of

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naval stores from the plantations. The judgment of what stores were good and merchantable might properly belong to the Com^rs of the Navy. Enclosing an abstract, received from Dr Davenant's office, of the importations. Dated 7 Jan. 1706.

Also the "representation," and another paper.

The Com^rs of Trade state that the Com^rs of the Navy were obliged to purchase the commodities wherever they found them cheapest, and they commonly preferred the pitch and tar of Sweden to that of America. If the premium were not interrupted, naval stores of all sorts would be imported from New England, Carolina, and other plantations in sufficient quantity for the whole navigation of England, and they would equal the best imported from Sweden and Norway. They recommend an increase of salary to Mr Bridger. They understood that since the inhabitants of New England had applied themselves to the produce of naval stores, the woollen manufacture was greatly interrupted, and it would in all probability be wholly left off.

Minuted :—"Read 10 Jan^ry 1706. Com^rs Navy to give their opinion whether these stores are fit for the uses of the navy, and how much the prœmium for ye stores already imported have & will amount unto." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 8. 3. "An acco^t of some extraordinary charges of the war not provided for in the last session of Parliament or incurred since." Dated 8 Jan. 1706/7. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 9. 4. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer as to the questions "whether the ground floor of the secretary's office in the Cockpit might be translated to the rooms above," and whether the rooms below were capacious enough for the Paper Office. The rooms above might well be fitted for the secretary's office, and the "pewes" for clerks below might be set above, and such other "conveniences done" as Lord Sunderland judged necessary. As to the Paper Office, the papers might be disposed in portable presses in the old office in the Tower. He annexed a design of the rooms below, used as the secretary's office, for comparison. The rooms were very capable of the Paper Office. Considering the rooms were situated amongst lodgings, chimneys, and timber buildings, it seemed reasonable that these books should be preserved in portable presses. Dated 9 Jan. 1706/7.

Minuted :—"Read 9th Apr. 1707."

The design referred to. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 5. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, advising that a good convoy should constantly be ordered during the war for the protection of shipping ready to sail for Virginia or Maryland by the 1st of September in every year, and of such as should be ready to return by the 1st of April. During the winter Her Majesty's service would less need the seamen. The mariners would better avoid the sickness and the ships the worms usually pernicious to both during the summer in that country.

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There had been great loss on tobacco for want of convoys, &c. Dated 10 Jan. 1706/7.

Copy of letter from the council of Virginia, being an enclosure to the above.

There is a minute on the back. His Lordship desired a convoy should be appointed, as requested, unless there were objections thereto. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 6. Letter of Mr Wm Lowndes to Mr Howe, paymaster general of the guards, garrisons, &c., as to the clothing of a detachment of invalids at Upnor Castle. Dated 10 Jan. 1706. 1 *page.*

Jan. 10. 7. Report of S. Godolphin to the Ld High Treasurer, as to what sum should be allowed to Walter Jeffreys, general receiver of the temporalities of the bishopric of St David's. Dated 10 Jan. 1706.

With a minute on the back that 43*l.* 9*s.* 11½*d.* were allowed him. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 11. 8. Report of the Comrs of Revenue for Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Knox, employed as an extraordinary riding officer on the coast, disapproving of allowances claimed by him, and recommending the discontinuance of his salary. Dated 11 Jan. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 9. Presentment from the Comrs of Prizes (to the Lord High Treasurer) of Mr Proudfoot to be one of the two Agents for Prizes on board the grand fleet, in the room of Mr Rock, deceased. Dated 14 Jan. 1706/7.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 10. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Samuel Barwick, Esq., recommending his appointment as receiver of casual revenue in the island of Barbadoes. Dated 15 Jan. 1706/7.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Written on the back of the petition. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 11. Letter from Mr William Popple, junr, [by command] of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations, to Mr Lowndes, as to the duties proposed to be laid on thread and filletting of Holland. The Comrs desired to have the opinion of the Comrs of Customs thereon, as well as upon a letter sent to Mr Lowndes relating to the linen of Holland and Flanders. Dated 15 Jan. 1706/7.

Three enclosures. 4 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

Jan. 16. 12. Letter from Thomas Morice to Mr Lowndes as to various matters of disbursement to officers and soldiers in Portugal. The officers and soldiers who had come over to King Charles had hitherto been expensive by the number of religious men and gentlemen. They could not be so many for the future, as they sent them up to the King as often as ships presented themselves, which was frequently now that the fleet wintered in those parts. "Sir Cloudsley" had carried away most of those paid to the end of the month. Most

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of those left would be paid in the new regiment, the command of which was given by Lord Rivers' desire to Major Genl John Richards by the plenipotentiary. 300 Spaniards had listed. As they came in they should be clothed and sent up as Lord Galway directed, that they might be useful at the opening campaign. Asks for instructions as to further payments. He sent with the fleet a ship laden with coals for Gibraltar, the garrison being in so great want that they would be reduced to pull down the houses left there for firing. Dated Lisbon, 27 Jan. 1707 N.S. 5 *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 17. 13. Letter of Capt. Michael Studholm to the Ld High Treasurer, asking him by the request of the Queen to give directions for the repair of a small bridge or two on the north side of Hyde Park. It was a way Her Majesty made frequent use of. Dated 17 Jan. 1706. 1 *page.*

Jan. 13 and 17. 14. Two certificates from the Justices of the Peace (including the mayors) of Kendal and Appleby, in favour of the release from prison of Alexander Blackston, a pedlar detained in Carlisle gaol, being one of the bail of Mr Richard Eaglesfield, deceased, late Collector of Customs in Carlisle. Dated 13 and 17 Jan. 1706.

Minuted:—"Ref. the petiĉon to ye Comrs of the Cust." 2 *pages, brief size.*

Jan. 18. 15. An extract from the books of the Scotch Exchequer, being an inrollment of a "tack" [*i.e.* a settlement of the customs and excise] in Scotland. The tack was agreed upon by the Comrs of the Treasury in Scotland, &c. 17 Jan. 1705, but it was presented for enrolment 18 Jan. 1707.

Probably an enclosure. 10 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 16. Letter from Mr Ro. Harley to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty was inclined to gratify Lord Fairfax by a renewal of his grant of some wrecks in the West Indies. Sends Mr Attorney General's opinion thereon. Dated Whitehall, 21 Jan. 1706–7.

Copy of the opinion. 3 *pages.*

[About Jan. 21.] 17. Petition of William Atwood to the Ld High Treasurer for payment of his salary here and at New York.

Minuted:—"21 Janry 1706. My Lord has already paid all that he can of these demands." 1 *page.*

Jan. 21. 18. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Duke of Ormonde. They were of the same opinion as the trustees for the linen manufacture (as set forth in the representation enclosed) that the promotion of the linen manufacture under the present great decay of trade, would in all probability be the only means to recover that poor sinking country from its miserable poverty, and they entreated his grace to lay the matter before Her Majesty, who delighted in doing all the good she could to all her subjects. Dated Dublin Castle, 21 Jan. 1706.

The representation referred to, of the trustees for the management of the linen manufacture of Ireland, to the Lords Justices, &c.

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of Ireland. They had some time since represented to their Excellencies the necessity of removing Mr Lewis Cromelin from Lisburn in Ulster to Kilkenny, that the linen manufacture might be equally extended through the other three provinces of Leinster, Munster, and Connaught, but had received no answer. They now lay before their Excellencies their reasons for their application, that the Lord Lieutt might bring them before Her Majesty.

The English Parliament conceiving that the woollen manufacture in Ireland (which was entirely managed by the English inhabitants) might become prejudicial to the same manufacture in England, in effect prohibited that manufacture in Ireland; but determined that the linen manufacture would be beneficial to both kingdoms. In obedience to a letter of King William III., and confiding in the promises of both Houses of Parliament of England, the inhabitants of Ireland left off the woollen and betook themselves to the linen manufacture, not in the least suspecting that they should meet with any interruption or discouragement from England in that trade. Mr Cromelin, whom they sent for from Holland, had brought the manufacture to great perfection in the north of Ireland. They thought that the English in the other three provinces, who were the only persons that lost the woollen manufacture (and who were reduced to a miserable condition), should then share in the linen trade, and further that Mr Cromellin with part of his colony of workmen should be removed to Kilkenny, and that six years should be added to his patent as a compensation to him. Dated 15 Jan. 1706. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 19. Representation by Thomas Rudge, receiver of Her Majesty's land revenue in the counties of Southampton, Wilts, Gloucester, Somerset, and Dorset, as to certain fee farm rents in the county of Kent, which he believed had escheated to the crown for want of an heir. With the opinion of the Attorney General at the foot. The latter dated 22 Jan. 1706. 1 *page.*

Jan. 23. 20. Memorial of the Cofferer of the Household to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of the expenses of the household. Dated 23 Jan. 1706. 1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 21. "Mr Attorney and Sollicitor's report on ye draught of a privy seal for allowing Mr Fox's accot [as Paymaster of the Forces] for ye year 1703." Dated 24 Jan. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 22. Letter from Mr Geo. Townsend, a Comr of Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer, thanking him for the unexpected acknowledgment of his services, and proposing that the [bounty of 200*l.* per ann.] might be paid on his behalf to Mr Robert Futter, as if it were known to his fellow comrs it might create some uneasiness. Dated 24 Jan. 1706. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 23. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Richard Chiswell, citizen and stationer of London, praying that the grant of the custody of his son Royston Chiswell,

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an idiot (who was entitled to about 300*l.* in money), might be given to Richard Chiswell of London, merchant, his (the idiot's) eldest brother, and John Watley of London, citizen and haberdasher, stating what the law in the case was, and adding that on the death of his father the idiot would be entitled to a share of his personal estate, but the father by investing it in real estate might prevent his having a share of it. Dated 27 Jan. 1706–7.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 27. 24. Memorial of Peter Hume and Francis Aston to the Ld High Treasurer, praying for the grant of the usual 500*l.* for the charges of printing the fifth vol. of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 27 Jan. 1706–7. 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 29.] 25. Memorial of George, Bishop of St David's, to the Lord High Treasurer. The grant to him of the arrears had been delayed by reason of several claims of Dr Watson and Mr Jeoffries. The dilapidations at Abergwilly and Brecon required speedy reparation; praying for despatch.

Minuted:—"29th Jan^ry^ 1706. My Lord agrees to allow Mr Jeffreys the m^o^ in his hands, but no more." 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 26. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer of extraordinary allowances to Geo. Dixon, Esq., receiver general for the county of Somerset and city of Bristol. Dated 31 Jan. 1706.

Also Mr Dixon's petition and a bill of travelling charges. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 27. Report of Mr Charles Fox to the Ld High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Henry Cornish and Mr John Heylin, and on Lord Halifax's report thereon in respect to an annuity issued to Mr Fox.

The petition and report referred to.

Minuted:—"28th May 1707. Agreed in the manner proposed by Mr Fox." 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 1. 28. Report of the [? Controllers of the Army Accounts] to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of William Lyndall, late captain of one of the additional companies of Brigadier Handaside's regiment, as to respites on the muster rolls. Dated Comptroller's Office, 1 Feb. 1706–7. 1 *page.*

Feb. 5. 29. Letter from Messrs Bennet, Shallet, and George Crowe to the Lord High Treasurer as to payment of certain drafts. Dated Livorno, 5 Feb. 1706. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 5. 30. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, on the proposal of the Warden of the Forest of Bere as to disafforesting, enclosing, and improving the forest. His opinion is against the proposal. He saw no objection to cutting the 300 trees lately proposed for the use of the navy, "but that this gentleman would have the cutting of them himself and selling them to the navy." Dated 5 Feb. 1706. 3½ *pages.*

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Feb. 7. 31. Letter from Thomas, late Bishop of St David's, to Mr Lowndes, about the arrears of the temporalities of the bishopric and about "Lucy's discharge," as is gathered from the docquet. The bishop was indisposed and asks Mr Lowndes what had been done on his petition. He hoped that the Dukes of Marlborough and Mountague would speak to the Ld High Treasurer in his behalf. Dated 7 Feb. 1706–7. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 7. 32. Report of the Post Masters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert West and Agnes Hamilton, relict and executrix of Andrew Hamilton. Their late Majesties in 1692 granted to Mr Neal full power to erect posts in North America for 21 years. On the nomination of Mr Neal they appointed Mr Andrew Hamilton, who settled the posts through the provinces of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the colonies of Long Island, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Plymouth, and Massachusets, through New Hampshire, King's County, Piscataway, 70 miles beyond Boston in New England, in all about 500 miles. Mr Neal assigned his interest in his patent to Mr Hamilton and Mr West to secure the payment of their debt for establishing the post. The post masters advise that the petitioners should surrender their remaining term of seven years on payment to them of 1,664*l.* which was due to them in the year 1700, and which they were willing to accept for their full claim of 3,000*l.* Dated 7 Feb. 1706.

The petition referred to, and a paper entitled "Balances" in the years 1699 to 1705. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 11. 33. Letter from the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, pressing for the Lord Treasurer's warrant for felling 300 trees in the Forest of Bere, and 500 in the New Forest. Dated 11 Feb. 1706, inclosing:

Copy of a letter from Captn Townsend, Commissr of Her Majesty's yard at Portsmouth, dated the 10th Febry 1706, pressing for the felling of the trees, as the spring came on apace, so that if they had not the benefit of them before the sap rose, although their use might serve a turn, yet they would never answer the end of the service; it being a general observation that all timber to be converted for shipping, cut when the sap is in the tree, not only decayed itself, but that which was next to it. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 34. Accounts relating to the four companies at New York, enclosed in "a true copy of the accot annexed to the report made by the comptrs of the accots of the army to the Ld High Treasr. 11 Febr 1706–7." 30 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 35. Memorial of the Officers of Works to the Ld High Treasurer for three quarters of a year's salary to them and the artificers, &c. Dated 11 Feb. 1706–7. 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 36. Mr Langhorne's letter of advice about bill drawn for the service of Catalonia. Dated "Genoua," 13 Feb. 1706. 1 *page quarto.*

Feb. 18. 37. Report of Mr Henry Shere to the [Lord High Treasurer], enclosing an estimate of the charges necessary for the repair of the

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several breaches and damages done to Dover Haven by the late great storms, which were such as seldom happen in the memory of man. The works having been long in a state of decay demanded a thorough and effective repair, in order to the preservation of that important haven, become much more valuable than it ever was, by having been rendered much more useful to the public by the late new works, whereby ships could lie in a basin "water borne," whereas it was before, a dry port; and by means also of the said works the backwater was made so to scour and cleanse the haven and mouth thereof, that whereas often the packet boats had not water to come in, ships now of 500 tons had, since the works were perfected, been received and kept afloat. 100 sail of ships and vessels had already taken sanctuary, and had been preserved from storms and the enemy, which ships would not have found a port between that and the Isle of Wight. The new works had cost above 9,000*l.* Dated 18 Feb. 1706.

The estimate referred to. The amount was 3,370*l.*

Also a plan of the haven. 3 *pages, besides the plan.*

[About Feb. 20.] 38. Petition of Robert Blake to Her Majesty. Petitioner was a gentleman born in Ireland, but of English and Protestant family. In the late rebellion they lost 7,000*l.* Petitioner had two brothers killed, and he had lately lost another in Lord Donegal's regiment. He had sold his effects and embarked to England with 400*l.*, and designed to purchase a captain's commission, but was captured by a French privateer and stript of all he had. Asks for command of a company.

Certificate in his favour. Dated 20 Feb. 1706–7. Referred to the Secretary at War. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 39. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Victualling to Sir Thomas Littleton, as to the payment of bills of exchange. Dated 20 Feb. 1706.

Accompanied by "an account of money wanting for payment of bills of exchange necessary and extraordinary, necessary money, &c., in preference of other services of the victualling." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 40. Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue for Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, upon an application of the Duke of Ormonde to have the term of his contract for the butlerage of Ireland made up to 14 years, giving estimates of the income from the same. They believed Her Majesty would not be a loser by granting the request. Dated 20 Feb. 1706. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 21.] 41. Petition of William Clayton and Thomas Johnson, of Liverpool, Esq., on behalf of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of Liverpool. Her Majesty had granted a lease for 50 years of certain old buildings formerly called Liverpool Castle. The persons in possession refused to conform to the lease, so that they would have to be ejected by action at law; praying that Mr Fricker might deliver copies of two warrants granted by King Charles II. for demolishing the castle.

Minuted:—"21 Feb. 1706–7. A copy ordered." 1 *page.*

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Feb. 26. 42. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Michael Studholme, Esq., approving of his bills, &c. Dated 26 Feb. 1706–7.
The memorial and the bills referred to.
Minuted :—"9 Apr. 1707. Agreed."
[Studholme was keeper of the roads.] 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 26. 43. Presentment of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending Dr Thomas Lane to succeed Dr Waller, deceased, as one of Her Majesty's advocates. Dated 26 Feb. 1706–7.
Minuted:—"8 Ap. 1707. Do^r Lloyd to be advocate, with a sall^a of 200*l.* a year only." 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 44. Memorial of the Com^rs of Salt to the Lord High Treasurer, giving various particulars in relation to their accounts; praying a warrant for stay of process. Dated 28 Feb. 1706.
Minuted:—"3^d March 1706–7. W^t for stay of proces till end of next Trinity term." 3 *pages.*

March 2. 45. Copy of Instructions to the Agent Victualler at Gibraltar, signed by Sir Cloudesley Shovell, Admiral of the Fleet. Dated 21 Jan. 1706–7. Also copy of additional instructions. Dated 2 Mar. 1706–7. 3 *pages.*

March 4. 46. Mr Auditor Harnage's certificate as to what was due to Sir Thomas Knatchbull, late Commissary of the Musters, to the two old marine regiments, and also to his deputies Dated 4 March 1706. 1 *page.*

[About March 5.] 47. Petition of Edward Dunning to the Lord High Treasurer for a grant of the ferry between Portsmouth and Gosport to pass to the petitioner. He states that in 12 James I. there was a grant to Edward Driffeild and others, of the ferry, and the grantees were cripples and decayed seamen, but since that time no grant had been made. The men of war and merchantmen in the harbour took the opportunity of the privilege of conveying people, of running goods and stores on shore, and sinking hogsheads and casks in the harbour till opportunity offered of weighing them up.
Referred to the Com^rs of Customs, 5 March 1706–7. 1 *page.*

March 6. 48. Letter of Mr H. St John to Mr Lowndes sending a memorial on behalf of the officers of the three French regiments lately reduced at Torbay, as to their pensions, with a scale of the established allowances. Dated 6 March 1706/7. 1 *page.*

March 7. 49. Copy of a letter from the Ld High Treasurer to the Governors of the Plantations in America for credit to Admiral Wager's squadron. Dated 7 March 1706–7. 1 *page.*

March 11. 50. Letter from Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes enquiring in respect to the tin which Her Majesty's ships had conveyed to Lisbon, to whom it was to be consigned in Italy. Dated Admiralty Office, 11 March 1706/7.
Also extract from a letter of Sir Geo. Byng on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

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March 12. 51. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him the frauds discovered with some of their officers in the counties of Cambridge and Essex in combination with the maltsters. They made use of an ink which, when gauges and charges had been fairly inserted in the books, could be wiped out with cotton and fair water, &c. It was also contrived to enlarge this mischief into the Exchequer, &c. They detail the measures they had taken thereon. They also observe that in parts of the counties of Essex, Cambridge, and Hertford, where the maltsters were not under such combination, they yet by the method of working defrauded the Queen of above 1/3 of the duty, &c. They describe the method and press that a clause may be obtained to prevent these frauds. Dated 12 March 1706.

Also two affidavits as to the use of the fraudulent ink referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 12th Mar. 1706. My Lord thinkes 'tis too late to apply to the parliam^t for a clause to prevent the mischiefs complained of, as committed by the malsters; but if there be an occasion, his Lordship thinkes they ought to appoint new officers." 4 *pages*.

March 13. 52. Report of the Com^rs for Duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, on the petition of Joseph Watts for the transfer of his place to Edward Benskins, his relation. Dated 13 March 1706.

With a memorandum at the foot that the Lord High Treasurer had no objection.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages*.

March 13. 53. Auditor's report to the Lord High Treasurer relating to Lord Ranelagh's accounts. Dated 13 March 1706.

With a minute on the back that "my Lord" would speak to the auditors. 1½ *pages*.

March 13. 54. Report of Mr Auditor Harley to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the sums due to Sir Thomas Knatchbull and Mr George Gillard his deputy, late Commissary of the Musters to the two late marine regiments. Dated 13 Mar. 1706/7. 1½ *pages*.

March 14. 55. Letter of Mr Thomas Wooley, secretary to the East India Company, asking when they were to be paid for the saltpetre which they had delivered to the Board of Ordnance, expressing their willingness to deliver more when that was paid for. Dated East India House, 14th March 1706. 1 *page*.

March 16. 56. Report of J. Howe to the Lord [High Treasurer] upon the complaint of Col. Handaside, governor of Jamaica, about the remittance of the subsistence of his regiment to Jamaica. Dated 16 March 1706.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Apr. 1706 [*sic*, but mistake for 1707]. My Lord agrees that the remittances be made by Sr Gilbert Heathcote."

The letter from Col. Handasyde and another from Sir Gilbert

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Heathcote. The latter says:—"We had such terrible disasters the last yeare by our fleets goeing & comeing at such improper time (15 of our ships being foundered and 3 taken out of 38), and the very same in all probability must happen to us this (unless miracles interpose), that you see I am willing to accept of anything to save something."

List of the ships named. 5 *pages.*

March 17. 57. Memorial of the Solicitor of the Admiralty to the Lord High Treasurer for the imprest of 300*l.* for several prosecutions to support the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. Dated 17 March 1706/7. 1 *page.*

March 17. 58. Report of S. Godolphin, Auditor of Wales, to the Lord High Treasurer, giving reasons why the North Wales revenues did not hold out to answer the payment of Lord Auverquerque's annuity of 1,200*l.* per ann. charged thereupon; making various suggestions relative to the revenues of North and South Wales. Dated 17 March 1706.

Also states of the accounts of the receivers of North and South Wales, and a previous memorial of the above auditor.

Minuted:—"9 April 1707. A ltre to the Audr to comply with my Lord's warrt in delivers schedules to Mr Tilson of arrears & *ipsums* to Miclmas? 1698." 5 *pages.*

March 19. 59. Account of Sir James Collett, Knt., sworn 19 March 1706/7, together with the petition of the same and Robert Knight, grocer, executors of Sir Leonard Robinson, Knt., late chamberlain of London, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, for allowance for their trouble about repayments of loans on various funds. 4 *pages.*

March 20. 60. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Susan Thomas, daughter of Charles Thomas, treasurer of Barbadoes, who had advanced 5 or 6,000*l.* for the public occasions there, and whose executor could not get it repaid. Mr Blathwayt saw no reason why his Lordship should not recommend to the governor the payment of the balance. Dated 20 March 1706.

Minuted:—"Approved."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

March 20. 61. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of George Montague, Esq., as to the payment of his salary for the office of warden, &c. of Sawsey Forest, in Northamptonshire, out of the Exchequer. Dated 20 March 1706/7.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 2¼ *pages.*

March 20. 62. Account of the imports and exports made in the Naval Office of Nevis from 20 Aug. 1706 to 20 March following. 2 *wide pages.*

[About March 21.] 63. Money assessed by an Act for granting an aid of 4*s.* in the pound for the land tax for the year 1706 on the clerks of the Post Office whose salaries did not exceed 60*l.* per ann.

Showing the names and salaries.

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Also a list of the names of the officers of the Penny Post assessed to the same tax, together with their salaries.

Minuted:—"Read 21 March 1706/7. A wt to be prepared as usuall." 2 *pages*.

March 21. 64. Copy of address about the losses in the islands of Nevis and St Christopher's, with the Queen's answer. The latter dated 21 March 1706. 1 *page*.

March 22. 65. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer as to the standards of weights and measures to be sent to the several burghs in Scotland from the standards kept in the receipt of the Exchequer in England. It was necessary that what was contained in a proposal annexed of the deputy chamberlains of the Exchequer should be put in execution with all imaginable expedition. Dated 22 March 1706/7.

The proposal referred to. After describing what the standard weights and measures were, it says:—"The method which hath been used for ages past, when any city or borough hath had occasion for any standards, hath been as follows; first, they have made application to the deputy chamberlains of the said Exchequer, who have recommended them a founder, of whom they have bespoke the several standards wanted, sized as nigh to the standard, before they are brought to the Exchequer, as they can conveniently be, and then they are to be tryed & sized by the said deputy chamberlains, or one of them; they having been most usually two days in despatching one set of standards, after they were adjudged true, either in measure or weight, to a nicety, the said deputy chamberlains give an indenture on stampt vellum made between them, the said deputy chamberlains, on behalf of your Lordship and the chamberlains of the Exchequer of the one part, & the mayor, aldermen, & bailiffs, &c. or other chief magistrate of the said city & burgh, &c. for the time being, witnessing that the said mayor, &c. hath such a day and year had and received of your Lordship, &c. such and such standard weights or measures, to which they sett the seal of the said court of the receipt, for which a very ancient fee hath been constantly paid," &c., viz., 1*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* divided amongst seven persons, &c.

Letter of Mr Lowndes to Lord Halifax, and an order in council in relation thereto. Dated 13 March 1706. 5 *pages*.

March 22. 66. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the management (after the union) of the customs in that part of Great Britain now called Scotland. Advising that a commission be appointed for levying such duties as were payable in England according to the tenor of the articles in the Treaty of Union; that they have their office at Edinburgh or Leith, and that the duties be collected by the same laws and rules as in England. Advising also several minor arrangements, and that if the excise should be put under the same commission (as was done in Ireland), the charge would be lessened. Dated 22 March 1706/7. 1½ *pages*.

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March 23. 67. Petition of Captain George Beavour to the Queen, asking for Her Majesty's bounty, having been present with the marines under Major General Seymour at the taking of several prizes mentioned.

Referred to the Ld High Treasurer, 23 Mar. 1706/7.

In the reference it is stated that the captors' share being already distributed, the petitioner could have no benefit of it. 1 *page.*

March 24. 68. Report of the Officers of the Mint in England to the Lord High Treasurer as to what was necessary for the continuance of the mint in Scotland, recommending that whereas by the Act of Parliament the coin was to be of the same standard and value throughout the United Kingdom, and by the indenture of Her Majesty's mint in England, the warden, with the consent of the "general of Her Majesty's mint in Scotland," was commanded to cause to be made two piles of English weights, one for each mint, to be examined and marked in the presence of the officers of Her Majesty's mint in the Tower (which clause they conceived to have been inserted upon an ancient treaty between the two nations), they were of opinion that two new piles of troy weights should be made with the utmost exactness, and examined and marked, and one of them delivered for the use of the mint in Scotland, according to the directions of the indenture.

And whereas by the same indenture there were to be six indented trial pieces of gold and six of silver, viz., four for England and two for Scotland, they were of opinion that new "indented" trial pieces should be made and delivered for the uses specified in the indenture, and that one trial piece of each metal should be delivered to the proper officer, who should covenant with Her Majesty to make the moneys in Scotland, and one of each should be kept either in the treasury of Scotland, according to the indenture, or by an officer of that mint, who should be appointed to examine, check, and prove the making of the moneys there, in weight and fineness, before delivery, as was practised in the mint in England.

They were further of opinion that the money coined in both mints should be of the same sizes and stamp, with some letter or other mark set upon the Scotch money, to distinguish it from the money coined in England, as was lately practised in the country mints. So much of the indenture as contained the rules for coinage should be sent to the mint in Scotland. The officers of the mint in Scotland might send "any of their mint" to learn the practice of the mint in the Tower, and if they desired it, an officer of the English mint might be sent into Scotland to see the rules fully put into execution, and if they should want any engines or other things necessary for coinage they might be provided from the Tower. Dated 24 March 1706–7. 1½ *pages.*

March 24. 69. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on a letter of the Earl of Ranelagh, representing the irreparable loss which was falling on Cranbourne, that the mischief was already begun, 20 of the old but beautiful trees being cut down, and the persons concerned resolved to despatch the rest without loss of time; that it was true the trees were old, but still growing and making a

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noble show and shade every summer, their number great, and no young trees could pretend to match them in 50 years; that they would yield a very inconsiderable sum, and that a hundred times that sum could not supply the want of them in that age; that Cranbourne would look like Bagshot Heath, and the neighbours were sensibly afflicted with the loss of their greatest delight, and praying his lordship's pity for old trees ["and for his devoted servant old Ranelagh"]. Mr Wilcox was of opinion that the words in which the grievance was represented seemed to deserve some pity, but if the noble lord had himself taken a view of the several places where the trees were set out, the grievance would not have been great, or the complaint made. Cranbourne would still look like itself, there being not one tree marked within near a mile of it. Mr Wilcox, before setting out the trees, had gone to Cranbourne Lodge to acquaint his lordship, but had not the honor to speak with him (tho' at home) and by the assistance of the keeper of the walks and another of his lordship's keepers, and others, who pitched upon such trees as might very well be spared, he marked them. If the money designed for the poor inhabitants of Porchester were not raised in Cranbourne, he knew not where it could be raised by wood sales. Dated 24 Mar. 1706.

The holograph letter of Lord Ranelagh referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Mar. 1706. A copy sent to his Lordp by my Lord himself." 2 *pages*.

March 25. 70. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, Barons of the Exchequer, and other law officers in Ireland, wherein they set forth that they did not suppose they were intended to be within Her Majesty's letter for keeping back the payments six months, and that being obliged to reside in Dublin and live suitably to their stations, they were subject to constant expense, and that others had been exempted from the restriction. The Duke would be glad if the revenue would allow the taking off entirely the restriction. The army was 15 months in arrear and the civil list nine months. There might be sufficient in the treasury to discharge immediately a quarter to each. Leaving it to Her Majesty to gratify the petitioners. Dated, Whitehall, 25 March 1707.

Minuted:—"My Lord thinks his grace the best judge of this. Respited."

The petition and a copy of Her Majesty's letter. 5 *pages*.

March 25. 71. Letter from the same to the same, respecting the barracks building in the city of Dublin, and the payment for the same, also as to a barrack master and assistant to be appointed. Dated Whitehall, 25 Mar. 1707.

Minuted:—"26th Mar. 1707. My Lord will advise the 6,000*l*. & a warrt to be prepared accordingly." 2½ *pages*.

March 25. 72. Letter from the same to the same. His grace had received another representation relating to the linen manufacture of Ireland

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which contained very moving instances for encouraging the same, and for continuing Mr. Crumelin's patent by an addition of six years, whereby he would be enabled to remove to the south of Ireland to instruct them in that manufacture. It was what the people on that side were very intent upon. The [English] Com^rs of Customs appeared only to have consulted the merchants concerned in the Hamborough trade, and to be against all manner of encouragement of the linen manufacture in Ireland, but he hoped it would have no effect to oppose a national interest and concern, wherein both Houses of Parliament on this side had so heartily concurred, and which had been made an equivalent for the very great loss that kingdom had sustained by taking away the woollen manufacture. Dated Whitehall, 25 March 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 26th Mar. 1707. A w^t to be prepared, but to express therein that 'tis consented to in consideration of the loss that k[ingdom] susteyns by the prohibiccon of the exportaccon of ye woollen manufactures from thence, & ye encouragem^t that was intended by ye English parlt at that time to be given to the linen manufacture in Ireld." 1½ *pages.*

March 25. 73. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Col. Thomas Whetham in behalf of Mary Johnson, widow and relict of Major John Johnson, late governor of Nevis, and for some time commander-in-chief of all the Leeward Islands, praying payment of his salary. The report shows what was due to him as lieut.-governor of Nevis, as well as for the chief governorship of the Leeward Islands, the latter being from 4 Dec. 1704, being the day of the death of Sir William Matthew, to the 14th of July 1706, the day of the arrival of Col. Parks the succeeding governor. If Her Majesty did not think fit to allow him the salary in his double capacity, there would be an abatement of 321*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*; but this was the first case of this nature that had happened since the appointment of salaries to the lieutenant-governors. As a motive to obtain those allowances in so favourable a manner, the petitioner alleged the barbarous murder of Major Johnson in the execution of his duty, while those islands were invaded by the French. By his unfortunate death his affairs were left in the utmost distraction. Dated 25 March 1707.

Minuted:—"To be p̃d, but in one capacity out of ye 4 & ½ p cent." 3 *pages.*

[? About March 25.] 74. Memorandum as to making a motion on 25 March 1707, by the Lord Marquis of Montrose, Lord President of the Privy Council, viz., that seeing the salaries of the President and "remanent" Lords of Session were long since settled, and the great alterations in the value of money and prices of all things, whereby these salaries were become disproportioned to the dignity, pains, and expense of the trust, &c., it might be recommended to Her Majesty by the House to make further provision for the Lord President, &c. To which motion the House agreed. 1 *page.*

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March 25. 75. Mr Petyt's certificate about sorting the Records in the Tower, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. (A quarterly report.) Dated 25 March 1707. 1 *page.*

March 25. 76. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Col. Kellum, for reimbursement of expenses in carrying over 70 horses to Ireland to recruit three troops of the Earl of Arran's regiment, then Brigadier Cadogan's; recommending the payment. Dated Whitehall, 25 March 1707.

Minuted:—"Agreed. Prepare a S. M."

The memorial and a letter from the Ld High Treasurer on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

March 26. 77. Letter from Lord Cornbury to the Lord High Treasurer. In obedience to his Lordship's letter he had restored Mr Byerley. Relates other proceedings upon his restoration. In suspending Mr Byerley he (Ld Cornbury) had not the least thought of encroaching upon his Lordship's authority, or of doing anything to displease him. He thought he was only acting in accordance with the 34th clause of Her Majesty's instructions. He should for the future observe the method prescribed by the Lord High Treasurer, only he begged for directions as to what method he should take with the collector, if he would not pay the warrants directed to him by his Lordship (Lord Cornbury) in council; and this favour he begged because when the collector was there before, he would pay nobody but whom he pleased. Dated New York, 26 March 1707.

Copies of three other papers connected therewith. 4¼ *pages.*

March 27. 78. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the management of the revenue of the excise in Scotland. As that revenue had hitherto been let to farm, and collected throughout that kingdom by composition, without guaging to ascertain the quantities of excisable liquors, it would be too great a work to put the whole kingdom under the same management as that of England; and if they sent the requisite number of officers from England (if they could be found) it might create some uneasiness. They thought at first it might be advisable to put the city of Edinburgh, and some other of the most populous and trading towns in Scotland, under the methods practised in England, and that they might collect the remainder by composition. This method was practised in England where victuallers lived too remote from any officers, and the expense would exceed the duty. When matters were more settled the method of surveying and gauging might be enlarged. They proposed that a commission should be established in Scotland to constitute officers for the duties of excise, also certain officers should be sent from England to instruct persons of the Scotch nation, and that books of the laws of excise and instructions should be sent. The salaries in Scotland might be less than those in England, as provisions were cheaper, the same being the case in Ireland. The judicial part of the revenue would be in the justices of the peace, and, not knowing

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whether there were any justices of the peace in Scotland, they were of opinion that justices of the peace ought to be appointed throughout that kingdom, if not already appointed. Dated 27 March 1707.

Letter from Mr Lowndes to the Comrs of Excise, sending copy of an order in council thereon. 3¼ *pages.*

March 28. 79. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the letters of Mr Norton, warden of "Bier" Forest, &c., as to the right of the Earl of Scarborough to three brace of bucks yearly out of the forest. The grant "does in some measure eclipse the power and command of the warden, which seems to be grievous to him." Also as to felling 300 trees for the navy. They would be worth at least 2,500*l.* Dated 28 March 1707.

Two letters of Mr Richard Norton, and a memorial which answers Mr Wilcox's report of 5 Feb. 1706–7, clause by clause, as to the de-afforesting the Forest of Bere. It contains a good deal of information about the forest, as well as some particulars about Porchester Castle, and refers also to a grant to the Earl of Westmoreland of some woods in Rockingham Forest. 12 *pages.*

March 29. 80. Letter of the Comrs of Victualling to the Treasurer of the Navy, enclosing an account of what was due on the "course" of the office for six months from 30 June 1705, asking for 25,000*l.* to be ordered. Dated 29 March 1707.

The account referred to. 2½ *pages.*

March 29. 81. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Child, Esq., Receiver General for the county of Wilts, of divers aids, viz., for his extraordinary charges; in favour of certain allowances to him. Dated 29 March 1707.

His petition, and other accounts and papers relating thereto. 8 *pages.*

March 31. 82. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty's pleasure was that they should supply the loss of the store-ship taken on her way to St. Christopher's. That would make in all 6,232*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, for which no money was allowed by Parliament. Dated 31 March 1707.

Minuted:—"1 Apr. 1706. The 4,356*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* shalbe p̃d out of 4½ per cent. as mo of that branch comes in.

"The 1,876*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* to be p̃d pursuant to ye address, when the appropriating clause is settled." 1 *page.*

March 31. 83. Report of Mr James Mountague to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the directors of Greenwich Hospital, touching a demand of 12*d.* per ton by the islanders of Portland, and 6*d.* per ton by the Comrs for building St Paul's church, for all stone shipped from thence for the use of the hospital; also upon Sir Christopher Wren's memorial touching a liberty taken by the quarrymen of Portland to open new quarries and dig and carry off stone at pleasure, which he represents to be to the prejudice of the quarries, and

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in opposition to the rights of the crown. The whole island, he (Mr Mountague) was informed, was one entire manor, belonging to the Queen in right of the crown.

The whole island was looked upon as one continued quarry of stone which could not be wrought out in many ages. Time out of mind a duty of 12*d.* per ton had been paid for stone dug and exported out of the commons in the said isle; one moiety had usually been paid to the King or Queen, as lord of the manor; the other to the profit of the inhabitants. He did not find any alteration of this ancient usage until 1665, when King Charles II. granted to the inhabitants of the island for every ton dug within the common of the island (except such as should be taken for the use of the crown) 12*d.* per ton, 3*d.* of which should go to the crown and 9*d.* to the inhabitants. This grant was registered on the Court Rolls, and though he could not say it was binding in law, yet the directions therein had been constantly complied with ever since. And though Sir Christopher Wren, the Surveyor of Works, had sent directions for digging great quantities of stone within the commons, for building the cathedral of St. Paul's, Chelsey College, and several churches in London, yet in regard it was not expressed that the stone was ordered to be dug for the immediate service of the crown, the inhabitants had all along received the 9*d.* per ton to their own benefit, and answered the other 3*d.* to the receiver of Dorsetshire for the use of the crown. And in his (Mr Mountague's) opinion there was reason for Her Majesty to continue the like payment for the stone which should be dug out of the common, for the inhabitants had an ancient usage to countenance their presensions to a moiety of the 12*d.*, which had time out of mind been paid for every ton of stone that had been dug there, and the other 3*d.* was said to have been granted to them in consideration of the great damage done to the herbage on the common, where the inhabitants had a right to feed their cattle, and that damage, in all probability, would continue as long as stone was suffered to be dug on those commons. He did not conceive Sir Chr. Wren could order the stone that was used in buildings not appertaining to the crown to be dug and exported duty free. The 6*d.* per ton required by the Comrs of St Paul's was not demanded, unless the exporters made use of the piers and cranes which belonged to the Comrs. The inhabitants were willing to pay this. If the stone were dug in a manner prejudicial to the inheritance of the crown, it must be determined by a trial, but if the representation of the inhabitants were correct, it might be more for Her Majesty's service to permit them to dig the stone as usual and receive the 9*d.* a ton. Dated 31 March 1707. 3 *pages.*

April 1. 84. Letter from the Secretary at War (St John) to Mr Lowndes, for several Acts of Parliament and books of the Articles of War, to be sent from the Queen's printer for the use of his office. Dated 1 April 1707. 1 *page.*

April 1. 85. Petition of William Brockett, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. When His late Majesty, on the death of Sir Samuel Moreland,

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directed him to prepare all things necessary for the usual secret service of the Secretaries of State, he directed also that petitioner should receive his disbursements for that service; praying that in lieu thereof he might have two years payment of his pension of 400*l.* per ann. out of the Post Office.

The account of his disbursements sworn to on April 1, 1707. $2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

April 2. 86. Report of the Prize Com^rs^ to the Lord High Treasurer, as to allowance to Mr Matthew Butterwick out of the prize ship St George. Dated 2 April 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 8 Apr. 1707. The peticon is dismissed."

Also an affidavit. $3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

April 3. 87. Memorial of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, complaining that the justices of the peace had frequently acquitted persons against full proof for retailing ale and beer contrary to the Act. The judges in their charges, at the Com^rs^ suggestion, had recommended the due observance of the Act. The justices in Warwickshire, and particularly John Shuckburg, Esq., had acquitted divers victuallers, &c. Dated 3 Apr. 1707.

Also letter of the collector and a supervisor of excise for Warwickshire thereon. 3 *pages.*

April 6. 88. Copy of an Admiralty order to the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., requiring them to accept and pay certain bills for 1,500*l.* drawn on them by Samuel Cox, Esq., for the sick seamen at Barbadoes under command of Captain Hovinden Walker. Dated 6 Apr. 1707. 1 *page.*

April 7. 89. Copy of an affidavit of Elizabeth Carter, of St James's, Westminster (Midd.), spinster, as to the concealment of certain prize goods. Dated 7 Apr. 1707. 2 *pages.*

April 9. 90. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a letter of the archbishops and bishops of Ireland, enclosing a memorial to Her Majesty, wherein they desired that the first fruits, which, according to the report of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue, did not exceed 450*l.* per ann., might be applied to the purchase of impropriations and glebes for the augmentation of small livings. They further desired that the tax of the twentieth part, amounting to 563*l.* per ann., might be wholly remitted to the clergy. The crown received out of ecclesiastical livings by crown rents, quit rents, and port-corn, near 2,000*l.* per ann. more than was desired to be remitted. The matter had been first moved upon occasion of exempting flax land from tithes in an Act passed the last session in the Irish parliament. He was of opinion the favour would be well bestowed. If Her Majesty should give direction therein, they proposed that an Act should be prepared appointing Com^rs^, &c. for the distribution of the favor. Dated Whitehall, 9 April 1707.

The letter signed by the archbishops and bishops. Dated 3 April 1707, and the memorial referred to.

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Also a humble representation to Her Majesty on behalf of the clergy of Ireland.

And the draft of a warrant to the Lord Lieut^t "for a grant to vest the 1 Fr. & 20th parts on ye A. Bps to be disposed of for ye benefit of ye Church, accord^g to Her Mat^ys warrant in that behalf." 7½ *pages.*

April 12. 91. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Ld High Treasurer, upon the inventory of tools for ye mint in Scotland. They had considered the inventory of tools and other necessaries proposed to be provided in London, for the use of the mint in Scotland, and had set down the prices of such as seemed necessary.

They make a number of observations at the end; the first is—"Cast rollers are not to be bought. The man who makes them keeps his secret to himself, and only lends the rollers to the moneyers at 10*s.* a day." Dated Mint Office, Apr. 12, 1707.

It is all in Sir Isaac Newton's hand.

The inventory referred to.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 14, p. 64, 12 April 1707, is—

"Officers of the Mint called. Upon reading their report concerning severall things desired by the officers of Scotland for the service of the mint there, my Lord directs that the Officers of the Mint here do forthw^th provide such of them as are absolutely necessary, and that the same shalbe paid for out of the Equivalent.

"As to the expressions in the Scotch inventar [sic] wch the mint officers do not well understand, speak to Sir David Nairn to explain them, and also to consider of the speediest way of sending the said things for the mint to Scotland as soon as the same are provided." 3 *pages.*

April 13. 92. Petition of Francis Melling, of the Middle Temple, gent., to the Queen, as to an annuity of 80*l.* which the late Bishop of Winchester was bound to pay him; praying for an equivalent for the same as he would be deprived of it by a dormant bond given by the Bishop which was then about to be put in execution by the crown.

Referred to the Ld High Treasurer, 13 Apr. 1707. 1 *page.*

April 13. 93. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer, and certificate concerning tallies for which the officers of the Talley Court had received no fees from Michaelmas day 1706 to Easter day [13 Apr.] 1707. 1 *page.*

April 15. 94. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of the Viscountess Dowager of Dungannon, praying a pension in consideration of her husband's services and death in Spain; advising that an allowance should be given her suitable to her quality, in consideration of her loss and the constant loyalty of his Lordship's family. Dated Whitehall, 15 Apr. 1707.

The Lord Treasurer's letter referring it to the Duke, and the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 14th May 1707. The Queen cannot provide for ye widdows of those that are actually slaine in ye service &

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therefore much less for ye widdows of those y^t die of sickness." 3 *pages.*

April 18. 95. Letter from the Com^rs of Trade to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for various charges to be allowed them. Dated 18 April 1707.

Account of petty expenses and a stationery bill. 4 *pages.*

April 19. 96. Letter signed Pierre Duval to Monsieur Poultney in favour of a poor widow [Mrs Boitout]. She had received a letter from Lord Galway in which he judged her worthy of the pension which was sought. Asking Mons. Poultney to press Mr Taylor to continue his good offices [? with the Lord High Treasurer]. Dated 19 April 1707. [French.] 1 *page, quarto.*

April 22. 97. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the regulations for the collection of customs in Scotland after the Union. They had held a meeting at the Duke of Queensberry's lodgings with the Lord Seafield and others, to consult on the proper method for collecting the customs. Besides what they represented in their report of 22 March (copy of which was enclosed), they proposed that the present officers should be continued until further order, and those of the best capacity and experience be in the first place appointed for the more considerable ports, viz., Leith, "Glasco," Aberdeen, "Dumfreez," and Invernesse. Other regulations are also mentioned. Dated 22 April 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 23th April 1707."

The copy referred to; the original is described under 22 March 1706–7. 2½ *pages.*

April 22. 98. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) and the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Higgons, his wife and children, relating to three acres of ground claimed by them within the dock at Chatham, and also upon two reports relating to the petitioners' title to the same. They had considered the reports and perused the deeds produced by the petitioners, and had discoursed with the petitioners, and after several meetings had brought them to take for their pretensions 4,000*l.*, viz., 1,200*l.* to Mr Higgons and his wife, and 700*l.* apiece to the four daughters, which they thought reasonable to quiet Her Majesty's title and possession, and to prevent the consequences of a trial of the right to the three acres, the buildings on the same (if the three acres should be found to be within the dock) being of very great value, and the lands a very useful part of the docks. The petitioners to convey the same to Her Majesty. Dated 22 April 1707.

Minuted:—"21 May 1707. My Lord agrees to this."

Also "an abstract of the reports of L^d Ch. Justice Trevor, Mr Surveyor Genl Travers, Mr Attorney Genl S^r Ed. Northey," on the same matter.

The petition is not now with the report. 3½ *pages.*

April 22. 99. The report of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney Genl, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Sir John Trevor, constable of

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the castle of Flint, and as such mayor of the town and borough of Flint. The matters of fact were as stated in the memorial, and it would be for Her Majesty's service, and for the preservation of Her Majesty's rights and the peace of the town of Flint, that the prosecutions therein mentioned should be taken care of by "Her Majesty's solicitor of law prosecutions." Dated 22 Apr. 1707.

Minuted:—"Orderd according to the report."

The memorial is not now with it. 1 *page.*

April 23. 100. Report of the same to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Alexander Butterworth, Esq., urging his claims against those of the children of Arthur Barnardiston, Esq., to some estates in Lancashire. The report is in favour of the Barnardistons. Dated 23 Apr. 1707.

Two petitions. 6½ *pages.*

April 24. 101. An account of respits on several regiments, from 25 Feb. to 24 April 1707. ½ *page.*

April 26. 102. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a draft of their commission, with notes of such clauses as they thought might be left out in the commission for Scotland after the Union. Dated 26 April 1707.

The enclosure is not now with it. 1 *page.*

April 26. 103. Presentment of the same Com^rs to the same, as to the terms upon which the trade should be carried on by Scotland. The Com^rs were under great difficulties what directions to give to their officers on the borders, or on the coast, concerning any foreign goods brought from Scotland after the union should take place. They prayed his Lordship that all the Queen's "councill learned" might be summoned to a consultation upon the subject. Dated 26 April 1707.

Minuted:—"28th April 1707. Com^rs Customs to attend tomorrow at 6 of ye clock in the afternoon about this repsentation, and to come prepared to be more particular in their questions relating thereto." 1¼ *pages.*

April 28. 104. Copy of the Queen's warrant for Archibald Douglas of Cavers to be Her Majesty's Receiver General. Dated 28 April 1707. 1 *page.*

April 28. 105. Letter from the Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing petitions and other papers which had been laid before the Queen, relating to the sufferings of the owners, &c., concerned in the ship "Worcester"; for his Lordship's orders. Dated Whitehall, 28 April 1707.

The papers are not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 28. 106. Memorial of the Exchequer officers touching their fees on passing the accounts of the Customs.

With a schedule of the fees.

Referred by the Ld High Treasurer to the Com^rs of Customs, 28 April 1707. 2 *pages.*

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1707. [? About April 28.] 107. Petition of Henry Ballowe and John Smith, Deputy Chamberlains for joining tallies of loan, &c., in Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to the Ld High Treasurer, asking a warrant in payment for their services.

Minuted:—" A warrant as usuall."

Certificate connected therewith. Dated 28 April 1707. 2 *pages.*

April 29. 108. Mr Moore's report from the Comptroller's office, for a second provision of clothes and accoutrements for the service of the King of Spain. Dated 29 April 1707.

Minuted:—" 2^d^ May 1707. My Lord will apply the 35,000*l.* remayning of 150,000*l.* given in ye last session; but can give noe direction or incouragem^t^ for any expense or contract for which money is to be given in ye next session of parl^t^." 1 *page.*

April 29. 109. Letter from Mr Edward Southwell to Mr Lowndes by direction of the Duke of Ormonde, laying a letter before him received from the Lords Justices of Ireland in relation to a small mistake in the Queen's letter in favour of the Countess of Dorchester, asking that the letter might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 29 April 1707.

The letter referred to. 3 *pages.*

April 30. 110. Petition of James Gourdon, sen^r^, and James Majoribank, merchants in Edinburgh, to the Lord High Treasurer for a *nolle prosequi* on an information for certain wines brought from Spain in an English ship sailed by Spaniards.

Referred 30 April 1707 to the Com^rs^ of Customs. 1 *page.*

April 30. 111. Letter of Mr H. St John to Mr Lowndes, sending the establishments, with two duplicates signed by Her Majesty, of the forces in Spain, the additional palatins and general officers for Flanders, and the four regiments going from Ireland to Portugal, for the counter signature of the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 30 April 1707. 1 *page.*

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May 1. 1. Letter of the Earl of Glasgow, without address, commencing "My dear Lord," making various propositions for carrying out the new regulations for the collection of the customs and excise the same in Scotland as in England. It would be a great task, and a work of time, to put the brewing under guaging and survey. It would take at least a month to guage the brewing vessels, &c. in Edinborough. The same method should be pursued in Glasgow, Dundee, and other

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places. There would be an absolute necessity for more guagers, and for compositions to be made for mountainous, wide, and hilly bounds, where brewing houses were not frequent. The life of the management of the customs was to have knowing, faithful, and diligent waiters, and to allow them salaries whereon to do their duty, and they had a parcel of very insufficient waiters in that part of Britain. If it would not offend his country he feared they must be obliged to the southern part of Britain in the beginning to send a good number of waiters for the customs and guagers for the excise. Mr Norman, Mr Arthur, and Mr Broughtoun were truly intelligent in the business of the customs, and Mr Guy was a very fit person to give directions as to the excise. They had ordered Mr Norman to attend at Leith, Mr Arthur at Kirkaldy, Mr Broughtoun at Barrowstounness, and Mr Sewell at Port Glasgow. Mr Norman was a very well qualified gentleman to be Controller General of the Customs. Dated Edinborough, 1 May 1707. 3¼ *pages, quarto.*

May 2. 2. Mr Auditor Godolphin's memorial relating to Mr Tilson's arrears out of land revenues of North and South Wales. Dated 2 May 1707. 2 *pages.*

[? About May 2.] 3. Petition of the captains of the three French regiments lately reduced, addressed to the Ld High Treasurer, for the off-reckonings to be deducted upon the effective men only.

Referred to the controllers of the army accounts 2 May 1707.

Copy of a letter on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

May 2. 4. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, recommending the appointment of Mr Whetham as a fit person to be employed in any station relating to that revenue in Scotland, and giving their opinion that Mr De la Rose was not fit for any station in the excise. Dated 2 May 1707.

Minuted:—"3d May 1707. Read. My Lord agrees to this report."

Petitions from both the above persons, and a certificate. 4 *pages.*

May 3. 5. Accounts of moneys received and paid by Charles Mason, receiver and paymaster for transports, from 25 March to 3 May 1707. Certified by Samuel Atkinson and Nicholas Roope. (Part of a series.) 6 *pages.*

[Before May 8.] 6. Petition of Charles Bertie, late Treasurer of the Ordnance, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for allowance of 320*l.* of which his clerk was robbed in the office at the Tower in the year 1699.

Also two affidavits.

There is a warrant dated 8 May 1707 for the allowance of this amount in the *King's Warrant Books,* Vol. 16, p. 187, and the accountant was allowed it, as appears in an entry on the declared accounts of Bertie, for 1704–1705. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 8. 7. Memorial of Mr H. St John to the Lord High Treasurer in respect to a regiment of horse and another of dragoons to be sent from Ireland, and other regiments to be sent to Spain. Dated Whitehall, 8 May 1707.

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Minuted:—"Read 2 June 1707. Approved as to the mony part." 2 *pages.*

May 8. 8. Letter from the same to Mr Lowndes, with an estimate of what the savings of the forces might amount to for the year; also an account of what the charge would be of maintaining 4,500 Saxons for the year, and of the four additional regiments for Portugal. Dated Whitehall, 8 May 1707.

The estimate or account referred to. 2½ *pages.*

May 9. 9. Petition of the poor creditors of the old debt of the navy to the Lord High Treasurer, suggesting a means of payment by unclaimed tallies and reversionary annuities in the Treasurer of the Navy's hands. They had been 14 years soliciting payment. Dated 9 May 1707.

Minuted:—"21 May 1707. Publicacõn to be made at the Navy Office."

Also a schedule relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

May 9. 10. Letter unsigned to Messrs George and Isaac Clifford and Co. The Lord Treasurer had commanded the writer [Sir H. Furnesse], out of generous tenderness to the soldiers in the Queen's pay taken at the battle of Almanza, to furnish a credit for 40,000 or 50,000 pieces of eight for their speedy relief. Messrs Clifford were desired to write immediately to their correspondents at Madrid to furnish that sum, to be distributed to the soldiers. Dated London, 9 May 1707.

Docquetted:—"9th May 1707. Lr̃e from Sr H. Furnesse. Lr̃e of credit for the prisoners taken in the battle of Almanza." 1½ *pages.*

May 9. 11. Letter signed A. Maynwaring and Jas Moody Dep. [auditors of imprests], to Wm Lowndes, Esq., taking exception to the title of an officer styled "auditor of the out port collectors' accounts," in the new office to be erected at the Custom House, in regard that all the vouchers of the collectors were audited by them (Maynwaring and Moody). It seemed plain, from the Comrs having a prejudice to the auditors of imprests during the present grant only, that they had further views. Dated 9 May 1707.

Also some memoranda. 1 *page and a few lines.*

May 9. 12. Copies of three entries in the Paper Office, Dublin, relating to an allowance of 1,078*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* stolen from the Irish Treasury, desired by Joseph Nuttall to be allowed on passing the accounts of the Vice-Treasurer.

The last is dated 9 May 1707. 3 *pages.*

[About May 10.] 13. Petition of James Cotton of London, merchant, and Richard Thwaites, citizen and vintner of London, as to the purchase of prize wines which had laid at Falmouth and were publicly sold at Salters Hall, London, to the petitioners, but had been privately sold at Falmouth; praying compensation.

Minuted:—"May 10th 1707. Ref. to Comrs Prizes." 1 *page.*

May 10. 14. Letter from Mr Edward Southwell to Mr Lowndes, asking him to lay before the Lord High Treasurer a letter from the Lords

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Justices of Ireland, together with a report of the Solicitor General upon the petition of Col. Toby Purcell [Governor of Duncannon Fort]. There was no Act of Parliament or anything to hinder Her Majesty's favour to the petitioner. [The favour was the grant of Her Majesty's title to certain lands in Ireland purchased of one John Butler in the county of Tipperary.] Dated 10 May 1707.

There are two other letters and a copy of a report, in all six papers.

Minuted:—"5 June 1707. A wt to be prepared accordingly." 8 *pages.*

May 12. 15. "An account of 9,821 dollers 6 rls wch the envoy, Mr Stanhope, advanced to the Abad de Poblett for the royal service of His Majesty, 12th May 1707'

The same in Spanish. 3 *pages.*

May 12. 16. Memorial of J. Waters, Solicitor to the Admiralty, to the Lord High Treasurer, for an imprest of 300*l.* for his charges in getting in the 10ths and other rights of the Admiralty. Dated 12 May 1707. 1 *page.*

May 13. 17. Letter of the Marquis of Kent to the Lord High Treasurer, sending Her Majesty's commands for a present of 500*l.* to the Ambassador of Morrocco, 100 each to his companion and secretary, 30*l.* to his interpreter, and 30*l.* for clothing the ambassador's slaves, in all 760*l.*, to be paid to Sir Charles Cottrell, master of the ceremonies. Dated Cockpit, 13 May 1707. 1 *page.*

May 13. 18. Letter from Mr J. Dawson to Mr Southwell. He enclosed additions on the Military List. Had spoken to the Lord Chancellor about clauses in the linen manufacture warrant, and was desired to say there was but one new clause added on that side, viz., for 500*l.* to be paid in hand; that amount was to have been paid by the government there, without going to England, but afterwards some of the trustees who had a mind to oppose the manufacture going to Kilkenny objected thereto, and the Ld Chancellor put it in the draft of the Queen's letter to avoid the difficulty. There were also the two clauses sent over from England. Dated Dublin Castle, 13 May 1707. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[About May 14.] 19. Petition of John Thornburgh, one of the Queen's messengers in ordinary, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of some arrears.

Minuted:—"14 May 1707. To be p̃d when arrears come in for this purpose." 1 *page.*

May 15. 20. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a letter from the Comrs of the Land Tax for the hundred of Spelthorne (Middx.), who were charged for land taken into the Hampton Court Gardens, and desired to know how the money was to be paid. By the annexed opinion of Sir Simon Harcourt, the Attorney General, such lands whereof Her Majesty was seized, although assessed to the land tax before purchase or otherwise,

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were not to be charged to that tax, but the division must bear the burthen, and upon failure the agents concluded they would be compelled by process from the Court of Exchequer. Dated 15 May 1707.

Copies of two letters and the opinion referred to.

Minuted:—"21th May 1707. Speak wth Mr Att. Genll this afternoon." 4 *pages.*

May 16. 21. Memorial of Wm Clayton to the "Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain," for allowance for his pains in computing the rate of interest to persons who advanced money at the receipt of the Exchequer, before 1 May 1705, for carrying on the war. Dated 16 May 1707.

Minuted:—"1 Mar. 1707-8. 50li." ½ *page.*

May 16. 22. Letter from Mr John Huggins to Willm Lowndes, Esq., reminding him of the proposals of Sir Charles Duncombe to pay 2,000*l.* into the Exchequer, to release Mr Morgan Whitley. He was an object of mercy after seven years close confinement, whereby he had wasted his money, lost his friends, and impaired his health, and if he died Her Majesty would get nothing. Dated St Martin's Lane, 16 May 1707. 1 *page.*

May 17. 23. Report of Mr Christopher Tilson to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the claims of Mr Marshall, stud master to the private stud of the late king, admitting his claim to the time of the death of the king. Dated 17 May 1707.

Minuted:—"There are no arrears out of wch this may be paid." *Again:*—"16th Sepr 1707. 100li orderd in pt, but to be paid in such manner as not to bring applicacons upon my Lord for other allowances in arrer on ye extrys of his late Mts stables." 1 *page.*

May 19. 24. Report of the Attorney General (Harcourt) to the Lord High Treasurer on an extract of a council of war held at Carthagena, relating to money and goods taken on board a ship coming from Porto Vello to Carthagena. The ship being seized during the time Sir John Jennings was treating with the governor and general of the galleons at Carthagena was not to be considered as prize. As to certain goods on board, the owners would be entitled to them if they made out their right. It was the royal prerogative to seize all goods of which the property was unknown. Dated 19 May 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 27 May 1707."

The extract mentioned, and Mr Lowndes letter referring it to the Attorney Genl. 3 *pages.*

May 19. 25. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the proposal of Joshua Bruxby. They found it consisted of many general propositions for advancing the revenue of excise. They could obtain nothing from him but positive assertions. He proposed that he should be an instructor general of the inferior officers, but was ignorant of gauging and of the methods used by the officers. His only design appeared to them to get himself established in some employment. Dated 19 May 1707.

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His proposal, which is very lengthy.

Minuted:—"Read 19th May 1707. My Lord is of the same opinion wth the Comrs concerning the proposer."

[There is a similar petition from Joseph Bruxby in 1698, see Vol. LII., No. 29; ? the same person.] 2 *pages* (*one brief size*).

May 20. 26. Auditor Farley's report on the account of Sir William Robinson and Mr Vanhomrigh, late Commissaries General for the Army in Ireland, which account had been examined by the Comrs for Public Accounts in Ireland. He had no objection to the discharge of the accountants in the Exchequer by a grant of a *quietus*. Dated 20 May 1707.

Also a certificate.

Minuted:—"Read 30 July 1707. A privy seal for passing the accot, & allowing therein ye severall articles amoting to 43,351li 12s 6¼d, and no more." 6½ *pages*.

May 21. 27. Report of the Officers of the Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Richard Topham, Esq., concerning the necessary repairs in the Record Office in the Wakefield Tower in the Tower of London, "where the rolles of greatest use were reposited;" in favour of making the presses required. Dated 21 May 1707.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

The memorial, which states that the Statute, Parliament, Patent, and other Rolls, which were of the greatest use, were lying in heaps till the work was finished. Also the estimate. 3 *pages*.

May 22. 28. "Commr Townsend's letter for 500 trees to be served into ye dock at Portsmouth" from the New Forest. Dated Portsmouth Dock, 22 May 1707.

With a brief note of Mr Tilson's on the back to the Lord High Treasurer. 1 *page*.

May 23. 29. Letter from Mr J. Dawson to Mr Southwell in answer to objections to several clauses in the draft of the Queen's letter lately transmitted from Ireland for removing the linen manufacture to Kilkenny. (1). The 500*l.* to Mr Cromelin for his removal was because some of the trustees desired this manufacture should rather be set up at Cootehill, and were not very easy at its going to Kilkenny, and it would put difficulties in Cromelin's way. (2.) The 500*l.* per annum to him was for his salary of 200*l.*, two assistants at 40*l.* each, for erecting 40 looms, and increasing them to 60, &c. (3.) Nobody could object to the Bishop of Ossory being inserted in the patent. (4.) The 200*l.* a year reserved for the colony settled at Lisburn must be continued to them during the five years of the present patent; and tho' the town were burnt the people remained, and many intended to settle again in or near Lisburn, and for the remaining seven years it would be subject to the direction of the trustees. (5.) Both patents provided for three assistants. Two were in the west, and there was a necessity for one in the north. (6.) The choice of a minister was left by King William wholly to the election

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of Mr Cromelin and partners, but it might be altered: "tho' as these Protestants are kind of Presbyterians, it would please them most to choose their own teacher." (7.) The money had hitherto been paid to Mr Cromelin to pay the demands of this manufacture, which he had performed to the satisfaction of all parties, but the trustees had power to overhaul and give orders. The writer hoped these answers would be satisfactory to the several objections, that what was designed for their good might be despatched. Dated Dublin Castle, 23 May 1707.

It is certified at the foot thus:—"I think the above is right. R. Cox, C." [He was Lord Chancellor of Ireland and one of the Lords Justices.] 3 *pages.*

May 24. 30. Letter from Robert Harley to the Lord High Treasurer by the Queen's command, transmitting a warrant "for the coyne" and some other papers. He had also enclosed a paper received from the Hague, containing an account of money demanded by the Landgrave of Hesse. He had written to the Duke of Marlborough and Mr Stepney for an explanation as to how much of this was stipulated to be paid "presently" by the last treaty. Dated Whitehall, May 24, 1707.

Accompanied by the last paper in French.

Minuted:—"26 May 1707. When Mr Secry Harley signifies his return from Holld whether he has written abt this, then the arc̃les of this demd are to be considerd." 2 *pages.*

May 24. 31. Petition of Shreeve Paynton, Receiver-General of the land revenue of South Wales and Monmouthshire, to the Ld High Treasurer for his Lordship's directions as to an order on him of 20th March, and a claim of the Ld Auverquerque of 2,400*l.* for arrears of his annuity. Dated 24 May 1707.

With certificate of Ld Auverquerque.

Minuted:—"Read 27 May 1707. My Lord will have his order made in favour of Lord Averquerc forthwth complyd with, notwthstanding any other or former direcc̃ons." 2 *pages.*

[About May 26.] 32. Petition of Philip Bickerstaffe, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, to be put into a place at the Board of Green Cloth, or to be made a Comr of the Stamp Office, or such other commission as should be thought equal to his past service.

Minuted:—"Read 26th May 1707. My Lord will be ready to shew the petr all just favour when the matter comes before him."

Again:—"Read 18 May 1708. My Lord is still of the same mind." 1 *page.*

May 26. 33. "A state of the arrears of money allow'd by parliament to the office of Her Majties Ordnance for sea and land service. Dated 26 May 1707." 1½ *pages.*

May 28. 34. Mr Howe's report upon the petition of four captains of invalids concerning their clothing and the manner of their payment. The clothing formerly furnished by the controllers he found as bad

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as was possible to imagine ; 5,000*l.* would be sufficient to clothe the four companies. Dated 28 May 1707.

The petition referred to.

The allowance of clothing to each soldier was, once in two years, one coat, one pair of breeches, one hat, one pair of shoes, one pair of stockings, and two shirts, two neckcloths, and a sword and belt. On the last clothing they had but one shirt and one neckcloth, which could not be washed until worn out.

Minuted:—"Read 28th May 1707. Mr Howe is to subsist these 4 compies as he doth ye guards & garrisons, and Mr St John to ꝓpare a wt for a regulation of the subsistence accordgly; and as to the clothing, my Lord leaves it to Mr Howe to contract for the same in ye best manner that may be." 2 *pages.*

May 28. 35. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the enlargement of the House of Commons. He had consulted with the Speaker, and he was of opinion that if the side galleries were made broader to contain two rows of seats instead of one, it would suffice. This might be done by the end of July for 270*l.* Dated 28 May 1707.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

[? About May 29.] 36. Petition of Anne Grosvenor, widow and relict of Lieut. John Grosvenor, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for Her Majesty's bounty. Her husband was slain at the siege of Barcelona, her three brothers and her father-in-law were killed in the service.

Copy of certificate of the death of her husband, given 29 May 1707. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 37. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Ld High Treasurer, for allowances to subsist the officers sent to North Britain. Dated 30 May 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 6th June 1707. Ordr to Comrs Excise in North Britain to allow these offrs such subsistence mo as they shall thinke proper, wch is to be reckned as so much paid them on acct of the salarys that ye comrs shall appt for them."

"Lrẽ writ." 1 *page.*

May. 38. Order made by the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of the inhabitants of Poplar and Blackwall, in the parish of Stepney (Midd.), for the remission of several sums deficient by the running away of one Thomas Margasing, a tax collector; directing stay of all process against them, &c. Dated May 1707.

The petition and the "Case of the Petitioners." 3½ *pages* (*one brief size*).

June 2. 39. Letter of Robert Liv[ingstone] to Mr Lowndes. He would have given Mr Lowndes an account of affairs when he arrived at New York, but was seized with a pain in his side, a distemper which had been very mortal there. Most people were then very uneasy, under "this gentleman's administration." His actions were so unaccountable that they were not possible to be believed. The

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Assembly, who had hitherto been at variance with him, were allowed by an order from home to have their own treasurer, and had passed some Acts for levying money, for fortifying the city of New York, and the charge of the Indians at Albany. It was alleged there was no account received of the money formerly given. The province was much in debt, nobody paid, the revenue swallowed up. When the revenue expired next May, twelvemonths, the Assembly would not revive it. 'Twas said he was wholly addicted to pleasure, and enriching himself with strange and unheard of methods, having some few creatures about him whose counsel he pursued, to the great grief of the principal inhabitants. His dressing himself in women's clothes was so unaccountable that if hundred[s] of spectators did not daily see him it would be incredible. After dinner till 12 at night was spent at the bottle. The debts of the province were so much augmented that 10 years' revenue, if settled, would not clear them, and his personal debts were computed at 6,400*l.* Certain warrants "launched out for the frontiers at Albany" had been returned upon the writer, &c. The Assembly of the Jerseys and he (the governor) were quite to pieces, they having given in a remonstrance of their grievances which he had answered. He (the writer) would send both as soon as printed. Many wished he (the governor) were not so nearly related to our gracious Sovereign, but they hoped God would send a deliverance. Her Majesty had confirmed his (the writer's) office of town clerk and secretary for Indian affairs, with a salary of 100*l.* per ann., which commission he presented to his L^p in council, who detained it from him, and except he should get an order from Her Majesty or the Ld Treasurer for his salary cut of the quit rents he never expected to see a farthing. The secretary of the province told the writer that he had 22 warrants by him then, and could not get a penny. He (the writer) had put in his son as deputy in his absence. The Indians were in a declining condition. The nation called Skachkook Indians, which lay 24 miles above Albany, were quite gone, and that part of the country left bare, exposed to the insults of the enemy. But the French Indians and our Indians desired they might live peaceably together, notwithstanding any rupture in Europe, and this had hitherto been the case, and "'twere to be wished y^t New England and y^e . . . . . Indians had the same agreement."

Colonel Dudley had sent a party of 1,400 men to take Port Royall from the French. They longed to hear what success he had in the expedition. As for the five nations of Indians, westward, the French had got ground within this three or four years, and had priests in some of their castles, and he saw no means used to get them removed, the consequence whereof would be very disadvantageous to this government. In fine our trade decayed, house rents fell, our vessels were taken, and everything went behind hand, and a visible judgment appeared since "this gent" came amongst them. They had a poor dispirited people, a mixture of English, Dutch, and French, that lived in the province, and if never so much oppressed

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dared not complain, because they were not unanimous, and did not stick to one another. So that if a governor were not a man of honour and probity, he could oppress the people when he pleased. He had but to strike in with one party, and they assisted him to destroy the other. Many deserted the province and went to the neighbouring colonies, but he understood the price of land of the Jerseys, where many removed to, was considerably fallen since this gentleman became their governor.

He asks that the Ld Treasurer might be put in mind of his three and a half years arrears of salary as secretary of the Indian affairs.

He came there last week to see his eldest son, who married the governor's daughter of that colony, and took the opportunity to write viâ Boston, since it was alleged letters were intercepted at New York. He [the governor] regarded no orders from court. One Captain Budge had his ship and lading condemned, and on appeal had an order from the Queen to have them restored, but he took no more notice of the order than if it had been waste paper, and sent the man back without a farthing. It was "admired" by everybody that he suffered Mr Bryerly to act as collector, nevertheless he could not get the books, which his minion Fauconier still kept. He (the writer) designed to go to his abode at Albany this week, and would send an account of the Governor's proceedings with the Assembly, who were to sit on last Friday. Dated New London, in Connecticut colony, in New England, 2 June 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 31 Oct. 1707 to Ld Treas^r." 3 *pages*.

June 2. 40. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer as to what was proper to be done for setting on foot with all convenient speed the coinage in the Mint at Edinburgh, and for trying the pix of that mint before Her Majesty's Council of Scotland. They recommend that there should be made by a jury of goldsmiths seven indented trial pieces of crown gold, and seven of standard silver; two of each metal to be kept in the two Treasuries, to try the pixes of the two mints; two of each of the wardens of the two mints to try the moneys before delivery, and to decide questions between the master and importer about the fineness of bullion; two of each for the masters of the two mints to make the moneys by, and one of each for the Wardens and Company of Goldsmiths, to try their plate and other manufactures of gold and silver. Also that a pile of standard troy weights be made by the Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer for the Treasury of Scotland; and two other piles* by the warden of this mint, in the presence of the other officers thereof, in such manner that the smaller weights be in proportion to the greater, as the indenture of the Mint directs; and that all these piles be printed like the weights sent to the corporations, and one of the two piles be delivered to his Lordship's order, for the Mint in Scotland.

* There is a warrant for these entered in the *North Britain Book*, vol. 1, p. 50. They were to be printed "with a rose crown'd and thistle crown'd."

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They make various other recommendations; amongst which that the graver should have a warrant to make puncheons and dies for coining the money, of the very same form with the moneys coined in the Tower, and should use such master puncheons as should be sent him from the Tower for making the moneys of both mints perfectly alike, until the puncheons made by himself should be approved by the officers of that mint, and to set the letter E (the first letter of the name of the city of Edinburgh), under Her Majesty's effigies, that the moneys of the two mints might be distinguished. Dated 2 June 1707.

Minuted:—"Approved, & orders to be prepared accordingly." 2 *pages.*

[? About June 2.] 41. Memorial of the owners and freighters of the ship "Worcester," seized and condemned in Scotland. They prayed for a warrant on the Prize Office for 27,971*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, or to be heard by counsel.

Minuted:—"2d June 1707. Read, and the petrs to attend my Lord his next sitting for an answer. The owners being here are now called in. A privy seal authorizing my Lord, out of her Mats share of prizes, to give satisfaction according to the address."

Also their petition to the House of Commons, and their "case" (printed). 5 *pages.*

June 4. 42. Letter from Mr H. St John to Mr Lowndes, sending a warrant for counter signature by the Ld High Treasurer, appointing Lieut. Stapylton to be second major of Chelsea Hospital, in consideration of his long services in the army, and doing away with the office of steward there. Dated Whitehall, 4 June 1707. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About June 6.] 43. Copy of letter *docquetted:*—"Copy letter sent to the Earl of Glasgow concerning the coast coquet sent to his Lordp the 6th June 1707." There was a great disposition in Her Majesty and in all her servants here to be favourable to the Scots merchants. As to what the Comrs of the Customs here had written in their letter to Scotland, they acted beyond their sphere, &c.

P.S.—The commission of the equivalent was adjusted, and had passed the great seal of Britain. 1 *page.*

[? About June 6.] 44. Memorial of the Rt Hon. the Countess Dowager of Winchelsea to the Lord High Treasurer, as to her rights in a house forming part of Richmond Palace, which one Mr Alexander Cutting, who had bought the adjoining property, was contesting with her, having done great spoil upon it and rendered it useless; asking his Lp to grant satisfaction for her lease, or for other relief.

Minuted:—"Read ye 6th of June 1707. My Lord leaves ye matter between ye Countess & Mr Cutting to be determined at law." 3 *pages.*

June 7. 45. Letter from Lord Halifax to Mr Lowndes, as to what was done about the new wine gallon and the weights and measures for Scotland. The deputy chamberlains, who had the chief care thereof,

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had long since bespoken the wine gallon of the founder, but he had not finished it. There were "sized & sealed":—

21 sets of standard ells and yards.
21 sets of standard troy weights.
21 sets of standard averdupois weights, cell fashion.
21 sets of standard flat weights, averdupois.
5 bushels, 5 gallons, 5 quarts, and 5 pint measures,

which were all that were finished by the founder, who promised to complete next week the 21 sets then in the Exchequer. The deputy chamberlains could not fill up the indentures for each set until they had a list of the places, &c. in Scotland to which they were to be sent, although Mr Peter Le Neve, one of the deputy chamberlains, had applied himself to the Earl of Marr, one of the Secretaries of State for Scotland, and to Sir David Nairne for the same. Dated Exchequer, 7 June 1707. 1 *page.*

June 9. 46. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of Edward Progers, Esq., as to his cravings for the taxes. They were such as had usually been allowed. Certain of the taxes were assessed on lands lying in Her Majesty's park [at Hampton Court], which according to the Attorney General's opinion were not liable to assessment, but the taxes were assessed on the petitioner as ranger. Dated 9 June 1707.

Minuted:—"Read ye 16th of June 1707. My Ld takes notice that he is charged for his office as ranger & not taxed for ye Queen's lands, & tho' his Lop is pleased to allow it for ye present, yet ye petr must appeal to ye comrs for ye future if he thinks he is overrated for his office."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

June 10. 47. "Payments and disbursements by Mr Morice at Lisbone for the use of Gibraltar."

Minuted:—"10 June 1707. A memll of Mr Brydges for Gibraltar transmitted to the Ordnance, signifying my Lord was of opinion that the expence of the fortifications should be borne by that office, and for them to examine what sums in that meml were proper to be paid there."

Duplicate thereof, the heading containing somewhat more information. 6 *pages.*

June 12. 48. Memorial of Captain John Writtle to the Lord High Treasurer as to the ill practices used from Ireland in supplying France with victuals, wool, hides, and tallow, for the support of their army and shipping, carried on under the notion of going for Ostend, but really running into Dunkirk. As he had performed eminent services in the late reign, tending to the discovery of the assassination plot, and breaking the neck of the transportation of wool out of Rumney Marsh, he doubted not he should bring the offenders to justice from Ireland. Asking for encouragement. Dated 12 June 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 13 June 1707. My Lord will be ready to encourage him if he will prosecute the persons to conviction."

With three certificates in his favour. 2 *pages.*

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June 13. 49. "An account of one hundred thousand dollars wch the Abad de Poblett received of Mr John Mead, Paymaster General for Her Britannic Majesty, by order of his Catholic Majesty, the 13th June 1707."

Also the same in Spanish. 2¼ *pages.*

[? About June 16.] 50. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Stamford, William Earl of Yarmouth, John Down, Esq., and John Kemp, Assay Master to the Queen. They had discovered several valuable mines, minerals, and ores, and sought to have Her Majesty's grant to them as a body politic or corporate for 21 years of such mines and minerals or the preemption thereof as had not been already granted, reserving 1/12th of the profits to the Queen.

Minuted:—"16 June 1707. The petrs to explain ymselves." 1 *page.*

[About June 16.] 51. Petition of Matthew Butterwick to the Lord High Treasurer, as to his claim for saving certain chests of the Queen's money saved by him from a prize ship called the "George," brigantine, charging Mr Proudfoot, Agent for Prizes in the Mediterranean, with fraud.

Also an affidavit.

Minuted:—"Read 16th June 1707. Respited 'till Mr Proudfoot's return home." 2 *pages.*

June 19. 52. Report of Robert Rochford to the Lords Justices of Ireland on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Callaghan McCallaghan, who was page to Callaghan, late Earl of Clancarty. The latter on his death had settled 20*l.* a year by way of a rent charge on the petitioner and lands called Laghane, part of his estate, for three lives, and for the petitioner's life, worth 100*l.* a year to the petitioner, which he possessed until the late war, when they were seized by the attainder of the Earl of Clancarty, &c. The petitioner had a good right to receive 20*l.* a year during life out of the lands mentioned in the decree of the late trustees for forfeited estates, and during the time the estate of the Earl of Clancarty was in possession of Lord Woodstock the petitioner must claim from him, but from the time of the seizure he had no remedy but an application to Her Majesty. Dated 19 June 1707. 4 *pages.*

June 19. 53. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. The secretary to the East India Company had let them know that they expected the balance of their account and interest thereon, and until they were paid for the "petre" delivered, and for the 500 tons then demanded, the Company would not supply it, altho' it would be a great advantage to Her Majesty's service, as the powder makers were standing still and the powder was very low. Dated 19 June 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 26 June 1707. Copy of this to be sent to E. Inda Compa & acquaint them that his Lp at their last attendance was in hopes they would not have insisted on interest, and desires that they will let him have their answer as to that particular." 1 *page.*

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June 19. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. They could not doubt but that many such frauds as were detailed in the examination taken before the committee of Parliament had been practised. They were of opinion that unless the discovery were duly prosecuted and strictly punished, it would have been better for the revenue that no examination had been taken, because it might serve to invite many others to the practice of like frauds by pointing out the method of executing them, rather than to deter anyone by the example. For preventing such fraudulent practices for the future they propose five stricter regulations. Dated 19 June 1707.

Also the depositions in the examination referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 20th June 1707. As to what relates to the discovery my Lord directs that the sevall persons herein mencõned who are liable to prosecution ought to be prosecuted wthout delay, and as to the method of preventing the like fraudulent practices for the future my Lord will speak with them at ye Trỹ some day next week. Lrẽ writ eod̃ die accordgly." 17 *pages.*

June 21. 55. Letter from Mr Edward Southwell to Mr Lowndes. In March last the Duke of Ormonde laid a memorial before the Ld Treasurer for continuing Mr Cromelin's patent in Ireland for six years longer, to encourage the linen manufacture, and to bring it into the southern parts of that kingdom. The memorial was approved of. The writer had received a draft of a letter for that intention, which he desired might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. He had drawn out a particular wherein it differed from the last letter, with the reasons as certified by Sir Richard Cox, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland. 500*l.* was promised to Mr Cromelin to defray his charges for removing his looms and families into the south. It was thought very moderate by the trustees, but some were desirous to draw away the manufacture to several particular places, whereas Kilkenny was the centre of the south parts and the fittest place in every respect. It had now become the more necessary since the town of Lisburn, where they chiefly settled, was burnt. That sum was to be given him out of the fund of 1,180*l.* per ann. Dated Spring Garden, 21 June 1707.

The draft referred to. 7 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 21. 56. A general abstract of the accounts of Her Majesty's revenue in Ireland, stated in the accountant general's office for the year ended at Christmas 1706.

Certified 21 June 1707 by W. Burgh, accountant general. 2 *large pages.*

June 24. 57. Memorial of Sir Isaac Newton to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his lordship the want of clerks for the mint in Scotland. Their "rating and standarding" and book-keeping differed from ours and must be set right. None of their chief officers had acquainted themselves with our practice. He had spoken with Dr Gregory, professor of astronomy at Oxford, and with one of the clerks of the mint in the Tower, about going to Edinburgh to instruct their

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officers and clerk, and assist them till Michaelmas. A suitable recompense should be appointed them. The dies and puncheons were also to be sent and the prices of these should be settled. Dated 24 June 1707. (Holograph.)

Minuted:—"Read 25th June 1707.

"Deliver this to Sir David Nairn." 1 *page.*

June 24. 58. An account of the distribution of 13,321 dollars and six rials, by order of his Excellency the Count Ulfeld, Vice-King and Captain-General of Catalonia, for the garrison and fortifications of Girona. Dated Barcelona, 24 June 1707.

The same in Spanish. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 25. 59. Proposal by the Bank of England to the Commissioners for the "Equivalent" to Scotland, with the Comrs explanation.

"Subscribed at Edinr the 25th day of June 1707."

[One of a series numbered 13.]

"Double of a letter from the Commissioners of the Equivalent, directed to his Grace the Duke of Queensburie, the Earls of Mar & Loudoun."

These two papers principally relate to satisfying Mr Maddocks' charges in sending the "Equivalent" to Edinburgh. Dated "Edenr 25 June 1707." 4 *pages.*

June 25. 60. Antigua 1707. "An account of the imports made by sundry vessels to this island from 25th March 1707 to the 25th June following." 1 *large page.*

June 27. 61. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on an extract of a letter from Mr Lionel Norman, one of the Comrs at Edinburgh. There was no law which appointed a registering of wool shorn on any part of the coast in North or South Britain, except in Kent and Sussex, and so there was no need for a proclamation. The landwaiters they had proposed might act as searchers, &c. If the collectors, &c. were established at certain salaries, without fee or reward from the merchants, it would highly tend to the interest of the revenue. Payment of fees had been found to create too dangerous an intimacy between them. It was to be apprehended that bribes might be frequently taken under colour of fees. Dated 27 June 1707.

The "extract" referred to.

Minuted:—"The Comrs of Customes in Scotland are to propose what sallaries are proper to be allowd wthout taking fees." 2 *pages.*

July 7. 62. Letter from the Ld High Treasurer to Mr Taylour at the Treasury Chambers. Sir David Nairn had shown him two papers, one from Sir Isaack Newton, and the other from the Warden of the Mint at Edinburgh. He (the Ld High Treasurer) desired an order might be sent to Sir Isaack and the rest of the officers of the mint here, to consider of proper persons to be sent to Edinburgh. pursuant to what was prayed in those papers, and also of what allowance should be proper for them. Dated Windsor, 7 July [1707]. (Holograph.) 1 *page, quarto.*

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July 8. 63. Letter from Mr George Dodington to Mr Taylour as to an advancement of subsistence to three regiments to be transported from Ireland to Spain. Dated Dublin Castle, 8 July 1707. 1½ *pages.*

July 9. 64. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Ld High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr William Drummond, Warden of the Mint in Scotland, relating to the speedy setting the mint there to work. They propose that Dr David Gregory be sent to oversee the mint there, and to direct all the officers according to the methods of the mint in England, with three months' allowance, "and in lieu of all charges, 250*l.*;" that Mr Richard Morgan, clerk to the Master and Worker here, be sent to instruct and assist the clerks there, in rating, standarding, and book-keeping, with an allowance of 60*l.* for the same time, and for all charges, and if engaged longer 5*l.* per month to be paid him. The moneyers had recommended three of their company to be sent, viz., Thomas Seabrook, Henry Haley, and Richard Collard, to draw the bars at the mill, neale and cut the pieces, flatten, size, blanch, and coin the money, and bear the charge of all the waste, with an allowance of 9*d.* per pound weight, and 16*l.* each for their journeys, and whenever 1,000 pounds weight was not coined in a week, they should be allowed 3*s.* a day each in addition, and the tools, &c. should be furnished them. On discoursing with the smith and graver, they found that the Mint in Scotland might be furnished from hence with dies and puncheons at the rates they therein specify. Dated Mint Office, 9 July 1707.

The memorial. 4½ *pages.*

[The Queen's warrants appointing all the above officers will be found in the *North Britain Book*, Vol. I. pp. 78–81.]

July 10. 65. Copy of memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, for 15,244*l.* 14*s.* 2¾*d.*, for carrying on their affairs. 10 July 1707.

Minuted:—"28 July 1707. 6,000 ordered."

Two other papers, with memoranda relating thereto. 2 *pages, and parts of* 4 *others.*

July 11. 66. Memorial of the East India Company to the Lord High Treasurer as to a form of security sent to them "against breaking bulk." If this form should be insisted on, they would not be able to go on with their trade. They hoped that such security as had hitherto been given might be accepted. Dated 11 July 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 14th of July 1707. My Lord cannot accept of ye security proposed by ye company because it leaves ye offenders at liberty to ye abuses provided agt by ye act of Parliamt." 1 *page.*

July 12. 67. Report (unsigned) to the [Lord High Treasurer], on the address of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Maryland, touching the application of divers sums of money by Col. Blackiston, late governor of that colony, to other uses than the Assembly gave them, justifying the colonel. Dated Whitehall, 12 July 1707. 5½ *pages.*

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July 12. 68. Memorial of the Patent Searchers of the port of London to the Ld High Treasurer upon that part of the report of the Com^rs of Customs, dated 19 June last which related to the searcher's office, taking exception to some things in that report, &c. Dated 12 July 1707.

Minuted—"Read 15th July 1707. My Lord will speak wth the Com^rs of the Customes about this, & will appoint a day for them & ye searchers to attend his L^p at the Tr̃y when he comes to town." 2½ *pages.*

July 13. 69. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, representing the exigencies of their office. The artificers were a year and a half in arrear, and there was not half the powder in store which they thought needful. Dated 13 July 1707.

Minuted:—"14 June 1707. 20,000^li for land service, & 20,0000^li for sea service." 1½ *pages.*

July 13. 70. Letter from Lord Roxburghe to the Lord [? High Treasurer], the object of which, in the absence of the enclosures which accompanied it, is not apparent. It had something to do with the interests of Scotch merchants. Dated London, 13 July 1707. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 15. 71. Report of the Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him a state of the management of the revenue under their care. At their first sitting (9th of June), they found six supervisors and 21 officers, sent from England, who had not made such progress in gauging the utensils as might have been expected had they not met with some opposition, but they (the Com^rs) had encouraged them, and the officers used more diligence in finishing the work and perfecting "inch'd-table books." The town and precincts were to be surveyed by 11 officers. They ordered gauges by way of comparison with the charges made by the old officers, but they thought it not proper to make charges until the most considerable towns were put under survey.

The ministry had ordered a battalion of foot to march to Glasgow to prevent any insult that might happen to the [excise] officers there.

The people, according to the custom of the country, were not bound by any law until published at the market cross. They had drawn up a scheme of duties and penalties for a proclamation, which, by order of the Privy Council, had been printed and published.

They had sent letters to the sub-farmers, collectors, &c. to encourage the people to continue brewing until they (the collectors), had further directions.

They formed and caused to be printed bonds, commissions, instructions, tables, and all other books necessary.

They settled their collectors, 15 in number, of that country, who they found would be most acceptable to the victuallers, and would be of more service to the revenue, being acquainted with the humours of the people and state of the country. These were

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instructed by a supervisor, who had been a collector in England. They had done the same by the gaugers.

The islands of Lewis, Zetland, and several others, lay so far off at sea, that the inland collectors could not undertake to collect them, there being no passage from the main to them in the winter. It would be best to depute one substantial inhabitant in each island, with reasonable poundage as a collector, to compound with the victuallers. Not having officers enough for the seaport towns, they laid a request before the Com^rs of Customs to direct their officers to observe such directions as they (the Com^rs of Excise) should give, as to foreign exciseable liquors, and they had promised compliance.

They (the Com^rs of Excise) could not get money enough for the necessary charges, and should find a difficulty in collecting until justices of the peace were appointed.

There was very little ale brewed that would be charged more than 2*s.* a barrel, and the small drink was of so mean a quality that it was sold by the brewers for less than the duty, and a great deal given away amongst the poor people, who, when once they were disappointed of that supply, ('twas feared) would be very tumultuous.

They had appointed one Mr Boyle, a near relation of the Earl of Glasgow, as cashier at 200*l.* per ann. for himself and clerks. A scale of other salaries proposed follows. Dated Excise Office, Edinburgh, 15 July 1707. 4 *pages.*

[About July 15.] 72. Petition of William Elliot, laceman, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment for lace supplied to the Great Wardrobe a little before the late King's death, amounting to 2,286*l.* and upwards.

Minuted:—"Read 15th July 1707. Lre for issuing to ye Great Wardrobe 300^li out of ye 1st money y^t shall come in of arr^rs." 1 *page.*

July 15. 73. Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. The Lord Chancellor (Freeman) had made application to him for 1,000*l.* to defray the charge of his equipage in like manner as was granted to the Lord Chancellors of that kingdom. Asking that the request might be laid before Her Majesty. Dated Dublin Castle, 15 July 1707.

A warrant for the payment is entered in the "*Irish Book,*" vol. 6, p. 2. 1 *page.*

July 20. 74. Copy of a letter from Sir J. Cope to Mr Ince. Writing for his party, he says:—

If their undertaking at Edinburgh were as smooth as the roads they might flatter themselves with success. [They were engaged in some financial undertaking at Edinburgh, which was supported by the Bank.] They thought it advisable that the officers who had accompanied them should go on to Edinburgh, for since it was necessary to double the guard to Berwick, it was much more so to continue their march to Edinburgh. They had dined with the Bishop. Major Wyvell was very hearty for the public service, but

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had received no orders for exchanging Exchequer bills, and seemed wholly a stranger to them, but would be ready with 20,000*l.* a fortnight after Michaelmas, at Newcastle, if he had the Ld Treasurer's orders, &c. Dated York, July 20, 1707. 2 *pages.*

July 22. 75. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The troops had marched to Glasgow, and they had sent sufficient officers to put the town under survey. M^r^ "Montgomire," one of their number, would meet them there, who by his interest they hoped would so influence the inhabitants as to make the new method appear more reasonable to them than they imagine.

They had sent officers to bring Dundee, Aberdeen, Sterling, and Dumfries under survey. They had sent circulars for the collections to begin on 1 August for the months of May, June, and July. Their own collectors were to attend the sub-tax men or collectors to become acquainted with the victuallers, &c. Their officers began the survey in this city yesterday. There were 92 distillers, most of them brewers, who set up stills for the distillation of their own wash and dregs only, which was generally so weak that it would answer very little more than half the charge which by law they were obliged to make. Dated Edinburgh 22 July 1707. 1½ *pages.*

July 22. 76. Representation of Sir Robert Dixon, one of the Com^rs^ of Customs of North Britain, of the frauds practised at Glasgow, Greenock, and other places in running wines and brandies, &c., suggesting that Sir John Shaw should be ordered to cruize with his yacht on the river Clyde and the Highland coast. Dated Custom House, Edinb^r^, 22 July 1707. 2 *pages.*

July 25. 77. Letter from Sir John Cope, similar to the one of the 20th, giving further details of their proceedings at Newcastle. They could not expect above 30,000*l.*, and they could not come at this without orders to exchange the same for Exchequer bills. For their further comfort, they were told that taking away such a sum would be a very great prejudice to the trade of the place, and very unwillingly parted with, for money was grown scarcer than ever it was known. Dated Newcastle, 25 July 1707. 1½ *pages.*

[About July 28.] 78. Petition of the clothiers of Her Majesty's forces in Flanders, and of those on the Portugal establishment, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment to them of the off-reckonings. *Signed.*

Minuted:—"28 July 1707. Mr Brydges to make a demand." 1 *page.*

July 28. 79. Report of the Auditors of Imprest to the Lord High Treasurer, of the states of the various accounts under their control. Signed, E. Harley and A. Maynwaring. Dated 28 July 1707. 8½ *pages.*

July 29. 80. Report from the Com^rs^ of Excise (Scotland), to the L^d^ [High Treasurer]. Their officers had made vouchers from the last week's

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survey, which answered as well as they could expect, considering the opposition of the people.

On Thursday last at Leith, one of their officers on his survey was pursued and assaulted by a great number of women and boys. A brewer, to whom he fled, demanded the cause of this rude treatment. They answered that he was an Englishman, and they would have his blood. A guard was sent for, and he was conducted safely to his lodgings, but two of the soldiers were rudely handled. They were obliged to keep firing most part of the way, but it being only blank shot, the mob continued stoning them until they retired to the main guard. The Lord Chancellor assured them that justice should be done. They (the Com^rs) had offered a reward of 40*s.* each for the two chief instruments of this rising and discord. Dated Edinburgh, 29 July 1707. 1½ *pages.*

August 1. 81. Letter from the Lord Lieu^t of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer, as to overpayments on concordatum and military contingencies. Dated Dublin Castle, 1 August 1707. 1 *page.*

August 5. 82. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Richard Goodrick, Esqre, for a lease of 50 years of a tenement at Richmond in Surrey, called "the Fryers," late in lease to John Lauze, gent., advising the grant of the same. Dated 5 August 1707.

On the back is his Lordship's warrant for the same.

Also the petition. 5 *pages.*

August 6. 83. Letter of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer. Mr Lewis Crommelin had represented to him that the trustees of the linen manufacture had some time since proposed, in order to make that manufacture more general and extensive, to remove him and part of his colony from the north to Kilkenny, as the most convenient and central place to diffuse the same to the provinces of Munster, Leinster, and Connaught, and for the charge thereof, that his patent should be enlarged to twelve years as there was no money in the bank to defray the expense. He (the Ld Lieut.) was informed that the Duke of Ormonde had laid this representation before his L^p (the Lord High Treasurer), with a draft of a letter for Her Majesty's signature, but no further progress had been made, and Mr Crommelin had again applied to him (the Ld Lieut), and he was of opinion that if the request were complied with it would contribute very much to the enlargement of the manufacture, and be a general good to that kingdom; and there was a further reason for the grant, viz., that the whole town of Lisburn, where the French colony was settled, for carrying on the manufacture, was lately destroyed by an accidental fire, and they had not provided themselves with habitations, in expectation of Her Majesty's pleasure for their removal to Kilkenny. Dated Dublin Castle, 6 August 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 10th Aug. 1707. Order'd." 2 *pages.*

August 7. 84. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the Ld High Treasurer. The persons concerned amongst the mob at Leith,

on giving bail, were dismissed. Mr Montgomerie had returned from Glasgow, and left the town very well disposed to their officers. The magistrates would protect them. They had taken such care to recommend the officers they had sent to Aberdeen, Dundee, Stirling, and Dumfries, that hitherto they had gone on cheerfully, assisted by the magistrates. The business did not go on so smoothly at Edinburgh. A mob went round the town and extinguished the fires of the brewers at the time they had a meeting with the principal brewers to give an answer to their complaint. They enclosed both answer and complaint. They had the greatest difficulty to keep their dispirited officers in their business. Each had one of that country with him to prevent the abuses they daily met with. They make a proposition as to brewer's wash and "tilts," and low wines and spirits drawn therefrom, which they thought would entirely remove the great uneasiness. Dated Edinburgh, 7 August 1707.

The "complaint" (printed) and "answer" referred to. 4 *pages.*

August 8. 85. Letter from the Comrs of the Navy to William Lowndes, Esq., respecting the supply of tar, hemp, &c., from the plantations. The preservation of masts in New England (and especially great ones), from spoil and waste was very necessary, and the proper business of the surveyor of woods. They did not think it would be for the service of the navy to employ him in buying and sending over tar or other stores by commission. Dated 8 Aug. 1707.

Enclosed is a copy of a report they had sent to the Comrs of Trade and Plantations on this subject. 5 *pages.*

August 8. 86. "Copy of Sir John Cope's lre to Mr Ince, secretary of ye bank, and of the Comrs [of the "Equivalent's"] lre to Mr Maddock, cashier of the bank." 50,000*l.* in specie would be required to be sent with all expedition for facilitating the currency of the Exchequer bills, which were vigorously attacked from all sides, particularly from the malice of their enemies. Dated Edinburgh, 8 Aug. 1707. 3 *pages.*

August 9. 87. "Copy of Mr Castle's letter from Barcelona, relating to the stores of clothing, &c." He transported by Lord Galway's orders, from Tortosa to Valentia, the stores in the former place at the beginning of April, a few days after they received the news of being beaten at Almanza. Hearing that the Lord Galway was come to Alicera, five leagues from Valentia, he waited on his Lordship, who gave him a letter to the Viceroy of Valentia to assist with boats, &c., to transport stores to Tortosa. The Viceroy's answer was, "'twould be better the stores should be sacrificed than the people terrified." The enemy was suddenly expected at Valentia, and all things were in the utmost confusion, and he (the writer) posted to the seaside and hired four barques to transport the same, and procured waggons to transport them from Valentia to the seaside. He had an interview with Sir Geo. Byng about the same, the fleet then riding before Valentia. Relates other particulars of the stores, some of which were landed at Denia, "& the

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boats made use of for the service of that garrison during the siege, which the enemy lately raised with a very considerable loss." He had given Lord Galway and Major Genl Stanhope an account of these matters, and had sent to Major Percival, an Englishman and governor of the castle of Denia, as to these stores. Sends an account to whom the "5,000 Spanish clothing" and accoutrements had been delivered, &c. Dated Barcelona, 9 Aug. 1707. 3 *pages.*

August 10. 88. Memoranda of two sums due to Mr Cole, consul at Algiers, to the 10th of Aug. 1707.

Minuted:—"Order'd. Make a state of the arrears due to Mr Alex^r Stanhop, decẽd." ½ *page.*

August. 12. 89. Letter from Lord Coningsby, unaddressed [but perhaps to Mr Lowndes]. They had almost finished the sessions there, and he hoped to the satisfaction of all who wished them well on the other side the water. He hoped all that was desired in the enclosed papers would be thought reasonable, and that they would be despatched. Dated 12 Aug. 1707.

The papers alluded to are (1) A report of the Ld Chief Baron and two other Barons of the Exchequer (Ireland). (2) A letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland; and (3) A petition of Joseph Nuttall for allowance of 1,078*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* stolen out of the Receipt Office. 4 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

August 12. 90. Report of the Com^rs of Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Henry Powell, late steward of the hospital, for a pension on the abolition of his office. Dated Royal Hospital, 12 Aug. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 9th Sepr 1707. The Com^rs are to explain what allowance they would have made to the pet^r, and out of what the same should come."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

August 14. 91. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Dummer, which was much to the same effect as another on which they had reported on 2 April, as to the state of his West India contract. They then reported that it was about 5,000*l.* deficient, and if Mr Dummer were rigourously tied up to perform his contract, it would very much tend to ruin him, &c. Mr Dummer had been paid up to 25 April. He had made a fresh proposal to continue the service at a certain charge. He had taken no notice of the privilege of carrying five tons of goods out and bringing ten tons home. The postmasters then discuss his various proposals, among which are the payment of 12,000*l.* a year during war, and 8,000*l.* in time of peace. He should be allowed the freight of passengers. The income from the letters to be to the crown. The value of the letters had been 5,000*l.* per ann., and so the charge to Her Majesty would be 7,000*l.* per ann. They thought a formal contract should be entered into. If his L^p thought M^r

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Dummer should have the deficiency, amounting to 5,063*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* for two years of his contract out of the 8,000*l.* a year, which he undertook the letters and passengers should bring in, they proposed that they should have a sign manual for paying it, and a warrant for annulling that contract. Dated 14 Aug. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Aug. 1707. My Lord takes notice that this proposal relates only to the islands, and not to the plantations on the continent, to wch, if it were extended, the advantage by lrẽs from thence might make a very great increase to ye present produce. His Lordp therefore directs that this rept be sent to Mr Blathwayt to consider & offer his opinion as to ye carrying the correspondence to ye plantacõns on ye continent as well as to ye islands."

An account of the produce of the letters.

The petition containing the proposals above referred to.

This is minuted (1), "18 July 1707. A wt to prolong ye time for 3 months longer from 25th instant." Wt signed. (2), "26th Sepr 1707. My Lord agrees to the rept, and the postmars will prepare such a wt for dischargeing the old contract and Mr Dummer from the arrears due thereupon, and to authorize them to make a new one according to what is proposed by them in their report of the 14 August 1707." 6½ *pages.*

August 14. 92. Report of the Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Their business went on more smoothly, the brewers expecting much favour from the justices. Two proprietors of the sugar manufacture at Glasgow urged their private right by Acts of Parliament for exemption from duties on low wines and spirits, and in a similar manner Mr John Forbes of Culloden pretended to be exempted from duty on exciseable liquors, arising from his lands of Ferrintosh, otherwise than the yearly sum of 400 marks. These papers had been laid before the Lords of the Treasury, who had referred them to the Lord Advocate. Dated Excise Office, Edinburgh, 14 Aug. 1707. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 16.] 93. Petition of Tilleman Robart to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment to him of arrears for keeping the gardens in order at Hampton Court, the greater part being of nine years standing. He also asks for employment.

With two certificates in his favor by George London. Dated Brompton Park, 16 Aug. 1707. 3 *pages.*

August 16. 94. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Mr John Orlebar and Mr William Powell. He was present when the memorialists represented to the Earl of Sunderland, Lord Somers, and Lord Halifax, an experiment of ejecting an inflamable liquor out of a pipe. This engine forced a continual stream of fire, which in less than a minute burned an old door very furiously at some distance, and would soon have consumed it, but the engine was very small, and held but little of the material. The inventors required assistance to make a larger one, and he supposed

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they (*i.e.* the Earl of Sunderland, &c.). were satisfied that the design might soon be made useful to the public. Dated 16 Aug. 1707.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. 1707. My Lord will move the Q. upon this report." *Again*:—"Read 25th Aug. 1707. This 200li to be issued to the Trear of the Ordnance out of Civil List money, and direct Mr Orlebar and Mr Powell, as soon as the engin is finished, to show it to the officers of ordnance." 2 *pages.*

August 16. 95. "Auditor Harley's report concerning a *super* set on Mr Dodington & al. in the acct of Mr Fox & Lord Coningsby." [Dated 16 Aug. 1707.]

"Read 17 Feb. 1707. Write to Lord Coningsby & Mr Fox to certify whether the money deducted contains the 27,817li pd to Mr Dodington & partners." 3½ *pages.*

August 19. 96. Letter of John Crookshank to William Lowndes, Esq. The Comrs of Customs since their arrival at Edinburgh had with zeal studied to perform their duty, and, for preventing and punishing embezzlements, had cited several persons suspected of frauds to answer before the Lords of the Exchequer. A case had been strenuously debated whether the merchants should by Act of 1669 in Scotland be compelled to swear, or should be prosecuted according to the forms of the Exchequer in England. He (the writer) found the advocates were not fully apprized of the laws which regulated the customs in England, and he gave the Queen's Advocate the enclosed "observations" concerning embezzlements. He had also written a letter to Lord Glasgow, of which he enclosed a duplicate. [He makes some further observations on these prosecutions, and asks leave of absence to go to Ireland, where his uncle had died and left him something considerable, and that the permission might be put in a paragraph to the Comrs.] Dated Edinburgh, 19 Aug. 1707.

The "observations" and the letter referred to. 19 *pages*, 2 *halves* (*small quarto*).

August 19. 97. Letters of the Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to John Taylour, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers. They had been "taken up" amongst the advocates, and in despatching officers to their posts. They dated the commission on the 1st instant, but submitted to the Ld High Treasurer if they should not be paid from an earlier date. The administration had sent a troop of horse into Fife, and 18 dragoons to Preston Pans. They had waited on 31 Lords, &c., of the Exchequer, with the printed reasons for obtaining the oaths of merchants suspected to be guilty of frauds. Their Lps made an interlocutory order suspending their decision until the third Wednesday in November. The matter must be considered by the next Parliament. The late taxmen had promised to show their books. Dated Edinburgh, 19 Aug. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 30th Aug. 1707. A wt to approve of the persons appointed Offrs by ye Comrs & of their salarys, and also that

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ye salarys of ye English cōmence frō Midsr for ye reasons herein mencōnd, and yt ye Comrs do provide necry smacks for ye guard of ye coasts to be paid for in such manner as they are here." 2 *pages.*

August 19. 98. Letter from the Ld Lieut. of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer, enclosing an order of the House of Commons as to the continuance of the pension of the late Lord Blaney to his son, for Her Majesty's pleasure thereon. Dated Dublin Castle, 19 Aug. 1707.

[There is a warrant for this pension in the *Irish Book*, Vol. VI., p. 13.] 2 *pages.*

August 18. 99. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of divers merchants and others Her Majesty's subjects of Scotland, who had since the 1st of May imported or brought from that part of Great Britain into the port of London prohibited, uncustomable, and customable goods, which had been seized and forfeited. They had several times, in the presence of Sir David Nearne, heard Col. Grahame, Mr Coote, Mr Levingston, and Mr Steward on behalf of the persons concerned, and they agreed to a method of proceeding therein set forth for bringing the matter to a proper judicial determination. Dated 18 Aug. 1707.

[Entered in *North Britain Book*, Vol. 1, p. 109.]

Part of a copy of the warrant thereon. See *Ib.*, pp. 111–113. 4½ *pages.*

August 21. 100. Representation of the Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. They had about 2,000*l.* in their cashier's hands. They were endeavouring to break a "scurvy custom" in which the brewers had been indulged during the farm, viz., paying one month's duty when three were due. Many were 12 months in arrear. The people of that country who were being instructed for officers were so unacquainted with figures that notwithstanding they (the Comrs) had taken the utmost care in perfecting them, there was not one capable of undertaking business, but they hoped next week would furnish them with 8 or 10 gaugers. They had not yet the Ld Advocate's answer to the cases of the distillers of Glasgow. Dated Edinburgh, 21 Aug. 1707. 1 *page.*

August 21. 101. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on the establishment of officers proposed by the Comrs of Customs for Scotland, and also on two questions, (1) the bringing of horses from Ireland, and (2) the obliging merchants to give their oaths as to embezzlements as before the union. Approving the establishment. For the regulation of fees they refer to their report (copy enclosed) of 27 June. They also enclosed the opinions of the Attorney and Solicitor General on the two questions. Dated 21 Aug. 1707.

The two papers referred to are not now with the report, but there is a copy of the "establishment" and "reasons for the establishment of the ports, districts, officers, and salaries in the north parts of Great Britain." 6¼ *pages.*

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Aug. 22. 102. Cofferers' memorial for expenses of the household for Lady-day quarter. Dated St James's, 22d August 1707. 1 *page.*

Aug. 19 and 22. 103. Letter of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer for Her Majesty's pleasure to be taken on the recommendation of the House of Commons there, for providing for the reformed officers and the second serjeant-at-arms. Dated 22 Aug. 1707.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

Similar letter as to a gratuity for the officers of the House of Lords. Dated 19 Aug. 1707.

Also copy of an address of the House of Lords thereon. 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 23. 104. Letter from the Comrs of the Treasury in Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer as to money received through Sir David Nearn for payment of the forces. They desire power from his Lordship to give out precepts, &c. Dated Treasury Chambers, Edinburgh, 23 Aug. 1707. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 25.] 105. Petition of John Higgons, gent., Alice his wife, and her 4 daughters, viz., Irene, Margaret, Mary, and Alice Cæsar, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking him to direct the Comrs of the Navy to make out bills forthwith for the purchase money (4,000*l.*) as apportioned by the Attorney General for their interest in 3 acres of land in Chatham Docks.

Minuted:—"Read 25th Aug. 1707. Let Mr Att. Genll certify that thedistribucõns agreed to are as set forth in this petiõn, and then ye lrẽ to the Navy may be alter'd accordingly." 1 *page* (*brief size*).

Aug. 25. 106. Letter from the Board of Green Cloth to the Cofferer of the Household, asking for payment of the salaries of the purveyors and household servants, then nearly three quarters of a year in arrear. Dated 25 Aug. 1707. 1 *page.*

Aug. 26. 107. Report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, on the petition of John Lathum, Esq., collector of the revenue in Lisburn, for his losses by the fire. They conceived he would be entitled to a share of the moneys that should be given for the relief of the inhabitants suffering from the late fire. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 26 Aug. 1707.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 26. 108. Memorial of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer as to a claim on the Duke of Savoy for gunpowder, bomb shells, &c., taken for the relief of the siege of Nice: the gunpowder, &c., having been previously captured as prize; asking his Lordship where they were to apply for recompense. Dated 26 Aug. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 14 June 1708. An extract of this to be sent to Comte Briançon." 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 28. 109. "Quere touching some ships returning from the West Indies," viz., whether they might not be entered in Scotland without incurring the penalties of their bonds. Dated 28 Aug. 1707. ½ *page.*

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Aug. 29. 110. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on an abstract of a memorial received from Scotland, relating to the mint and recoining the moneys there. The last of the things previously required were shipped off 5 or 6 weeks before. The further requisites asked for by Dr Gregory, the master and workers there, were immediately ordered by the mint here. They would amount to 120*l.* sterling. They should be delivered, if his Lp approved, to Sir David Nairn to be sent by land carriage for expedition as they reckoned by the 10th of the next month, except the puncheons, &c. Dated Aug. 29, 1707.

Minuted:—"30th May 1707. A copy of this to be sent to Sr D. Nairn, to be by him transmitted to Lord Seafeild." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 29. 111. Letter of Wm Popple, junr, by command of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations, sending an extract from a letter from Col. Seymour, Governor of Maryland, relating to the salaries of Mr Plater and Mr Muschamp, receivers of the 3*d.* per "hhd." [hogshead] for the district of Pattuxent and Potomack in that province, for his Lordship's directions. Dated Whitehall, 29 Aug. 1707.

The abstract referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 30. 112. Draft of a letter from the [Ld High Treasurer] to the Count of Fuen Calada, in answer to a letter received from him, concerning the application of the 150,000*l.* which the Queen had paid towards the support of his Catholic Majesty and his troops, to the end of that year. Finding the Count urged the remission of the like sum yearly for the future, he had to say, that the subsidies for carrying on the war were given by the subject from year to year only, and though he did not doubt but Her Majesty would recommend to her parliament to provide for the support of his Catholic Majesty, nevertheless 'twas impossible not to observe how little His Maty had inclined to the advice of Her Majesty's generals that had been sent to his assistance. Several occasions might prevent whatever might be granted from being remitted to His Majesty's own hands. Her Majesty had ordered her master of the ceremonies to wait on him with a present of 300*l.*, and the sooner he returned to inform His Majesty of the true state of these matters, the more it would conduce to his service. Dated 30 Aug. 1707.

The letter referred to, and a translation, in which the Count urges that if this supply was so very necessary when the King his master was in possession of the kingdoms of Arragon and Valencia, and consequently had the confiscated estates and the contributions of those kingdoms, which enabled him to maintain the nobility and many officers of all degrees, who retired from Castile and deserted the enemy's army; how necessary it was the money should be remitted to the King. He further says, that since that time a great number of nobility and all sorts of people had abandoned their houses and estates out of their zeal and affection for the King his master, besides which 2,500 horse and 5 regiments of foot that were in the garrison of Girona, another of foot, his Royal Guards in Barcelona, as also the foot which retired from Arragon and Valencia,

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and the regiment of the Gallys at Denia, without reckoning the troops of the country [had to be provided for].

An account of the application of the 150,000*l.*, and a letter as to translation of one of the papers. 9½ *pages.*

Aug. 30. 113. Letter from Mr John Ince to John Taylour, Esq., at the Cock Pit. The drivers of the 13 wagons had returned from Edinburgh, where the last single wagon sent down with the gold would arrive the next Friday. The deviation from their route occasioned their demand for 22*l.* a man more than he agreed for, being 50*l.* each. They were very rude and troublesome, Mr Maddocks and he had offered them 10*l.* a man advance, which was 60*l.* a man; this they refused and threatened to petition the Queen. The whole expense of sending the 150,000*l.*, without any reward to the soldiers, would amount to 1200*l.* which was 16*s.* per cent. They had offered no more than 10*l.* a piece advance. Dated Bank, 30 Aug. 1707. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 30. 114. Account of moneys actually issued to Mr Brydges for the service of the garrison of Gibraltar between 22 Aug. 1705 and 30 Aug. 1707.

Also some memoranda as to Mr Methuen's bills. 1 *page and a few lines.*

Aug. 31. 115. Letter from the Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending Dr Newton's bills of extraordinaries. He had made an expensive journey to Genoa by Her Majesty's command. He had served Her Majesty with so much application and fidelity, and his occasions were so pressing, that he (the Earl) had no doubt his Lordship would give orders for his relief. Dated Whitehall, 31 Aug. 1707.

These bills of extraordinaries are entered in the *Money Book,* Vol. 19, pp. 374, 375, and some of the items are there referred to the Ld Treasurer. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 2. 116. Report of James Brydges and Henry St John, Esqres to the Ld High Treasurer, upon the new proposal for clothing the forces in Spain and Portugal. Dated 2 Sept. 1707. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 3. 117. Letter from Thomas Morice to Mr Lowndes. He had written fully to Mr Sloper of all matters relating to their office, Mr Brydges being gone into the country. He had also written to Mr St John relating to the sending home the officers in order to restore their regiments, which he should intimate to Mr Mead, who very much pressed for money, which was backed by Mr Stanhope to the Ld Ambassador Methuen. Mr Sloper would give the particulars. Dated Lisbon, 3 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 4. 118. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. At the instance of Sir Cloudesley Shovel, Mr Consul Crowe at Livorne had supplied the fleet with powder and stores to the value of 7,000*l.* They had already paid for stores bought abroad by captains of the fleet 5,618*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.* This increased the

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debt of the office, and the artificers were 18 months in arrear. They had but 1,000*l.* in the office, and hoped for a supply, &c. Col. Richards, from Barcelona, acquainted them with the charge the Portuguese were at for their train of artillery, and in case Her Majesty had a train in the field the charge would be proportionable; but the Duke of Marlborough told them their office would not be at the charge. The Dutch in Spain were at no such charge. Dated 4 Sept. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 5th Sepr 1707. 10,000*l.* for land & 10,000 for sea services." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 119. Letter of the Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Ld [High Treasurer] enclosing papers relating to the sugar manufactories at Glasgow, and the case of Mr John Forbes of Culloden returned to them with the Lord Advocate's opinion thereon. The Lords of the Treasury there thought the opinion of the Attorney General was necessary. They had 8 or 9 towns more under survey, and there was about 3,500*l.* in the cashier's hands. Dated 4 Sep. 1707.

The papers named are not now with the letter, but there is a printed copy of the commission and proclamation naming justices of the peace in Scotland.

Minuted:—"Read 15 [Sept.] Ref. the papers to the Attorney Genll as they desire; and let 'em know that they must take care not to dispose or apply any of the money but accordg to appropriacõns by Act of Parlt." 13 *pages.*

Sept. 6. 120. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the proposal of Mr Dummer relating to the postage of packets and letters to and from the West Indies, more particularly as to extending the correspondence to the continent. The plantations in America were then the chief support of this kingdom, and were capable of great improvement by trade and other means, and the settling of a fixed correspondence and conveniency of passengers would much contribute thereto. Intelligence was the life of trade, and the greatest merchants endeavoured to be the best informed. It enabled them among other benefits to make insurances upon better terms, &c. Mr Dummer's undertaking had produced considerable benefit, &c. The establishment of a frequent and certain intercourse with the continent, which extended to more than 1,200 miles of coast, would be very desirable. Early intelligence would have saved many ships last year in reference to their setting out from Virginia and Maryland. This deserved consideration from Her Majesty, who was truly the greatest merchant in her dominions. The sailing of the packets from the islands ought to be every month, and from the continent eight times a year. Though the voyages were difficult in the winter, intelligence was most necessary, and provision should be made for it. The establishment of packet boats would be of little use, unless there was regularity and constancy, as well as swift sailers employed. They should not be detained more than a week upon the most pressing occasions, so as to prevent earlier notices by other ships. The rendezvous of the packet boats

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should be towards the middle of the continent. The price of the letters and packets should be rather less from the continent than the islands, the inhabitants of the former being more numerous and poorer, and by the number of the letters there would be more profit to the post office. Dated 6th Sept. 1707.

Enclosed is a report of the post masters general on a memorial of Mr Dummer, dated 2 April 1707, the memorial itself, and the reference thereof to Mr Blathwayt.

These papers relate a good deal to the contract of Mr Dummer, the loss of two packet boats, the deficiency of the receipts on the postage of letters, &c. 13 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

Sept. 6. 121. Letter of the Comrs of "the Equivalent," unaddressed. They return thanks for the sending the 50,000*l.* in gold, which came under a guard of 120 dragoons and was safely lodged in the castle. It had been but half the time the other was on the road, and was soon enough for their occasions. They (the Comrs) began to pay the African company on the 26th past, but had paid no more than 103,700*l.*, whereof the half was in Exchequer bills, which people had been induced to take before they came in course, for those who were in course took all in specie, and even some whom the Comrs knew had occasion for bills on London insisted on having specie, expecting to buy Exchequer bills under par, and they (the Comrs) were informed the bills were proffered at 1 per cent. under, and the discount would have been greater had not they (the Comrs) given their own bills on the bank, and so sunk above 33,000*l.* They were doubtful people would every day be more unwilling to take the Exchequer bills. Some they thought they could depend on required money. If they could pay 30 or 40,000*l.* more in bills to the African company they should then be able to discharge their whole demand, and have 20 or 30,000*l.* in cash to answer the deficiency in coin, and for all other demands upon the Equivalent. The Comrs had paid in specie above 2,800*l.*, in part of 3,000*l.*, to make good the loss on English money, and to encourage the bank to carry into the mint what they had of current coin, the Comrs had lodged with them 5,000*l.* in English money; so that the mint was at work, but they were not provided with all things necessary to make a thorough coinage, and their backwardness made it difficult to the government there to make proper resolutions on this important affair of calling in the coin. The Privy Council had issued an order as to passing Exchequer bills in the revenue of Scotland. The Lord [Chancellor] had been extremely ready to do everything that might advance their affair, and his presence seemed so necessary there that they hoped he would not be called away until they had overcome the greatest part of their work. Exchequer bills would not answer to pay the soldiers; some bills of 5*l.* and 10*l.* would have been very convenient. Since they had begun their payments the people appeared to be more easy, and they (the Comrs) hoped to convince them of their error "in being dissatisfied to be made happy (against their wills) by the union." If the receiver of the letter knew their constant attendance to business, their fatigue, and the difficulty they

daily encountered, he would pity them. Dated Edinburgh, 6 Sept. 1707. 3 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 8. 122. Certificate by the Deputy Clerk of the Pipe of the payment by the sheriffs of London of 40*l.* for apprehending John Lane, a highway robber, and that they had not money to satisfy the same from their shrievalty. Dated Pipe Office, 8 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 9. 123. Letter from Mr Thomas Everard to [? Mr Lowndes], giving him an account of matters connected with the revenue of Ireland. Several of the branches were capable of being considerably advanced, especially the excise, but several of the collectors spent much of their time in managing their own affairs ; the gaugers were many of them meanly qualified, &c., and it was much the same with the customs. No commissioner had for some years visited a port. Some of their number had spent most of their time in England and others were so often absent from the board about their own affairs that he had not had ten days respit from the custom house since he came to that kingdom, except to bring his family from Chester. Whatever complaint had been made had always been laid on him, and some gentlemen equally concerned showed themselves willing it should be so. [He then describes the practices pursued to defraud the revenue on salt, &c.] Dated Custom House, Dublin, 9 Sept. 1707. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 124. Copy of report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Austin, receiver general of two aids for the co. of Chester and North Wales, recommending the allowance of 3*d.* in the pound for carriage of 59,828*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* for his hazard and expenses of sending that sum up. Dated 10 Sept. 1707.
Minuted :—" 14 Nov. 1707. To be read againe." 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 125. Letter from Lord Cornbury to the Ld High Treasurer. He had had several complaints against Mr Byerly for refusing to pay warrants. Asks for his Lordship's directions as to what method he should take. It was impossible for him to know when Mr Byerly had money and when not. Mr Byerly said that if he swore to his accounts before his Lordship in council that was enough, and that if the deputy auditors allowed them, his Lp had nothing to do to examine them. If the Ld Treasurer's pleasure was that it should be so, he was well content, but in former governors' times, and in his own, the practice had been different. Dated New York, 10 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 126. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Hugh Horton, Esq., receiver general of divers aids for the counties of Bucks, as to allowances to him for his extraordinary charges. Dated 10 Sept. 1707.
Minuted :—" A wt for this."
Also the petition and an account. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 127. Letter of the Ld Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Pratt, deputy receiver general, concerning disbursements for buying horses for Her Majesty's service in

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Portugal, sending it to be laid before Her Majesty. Dated Dublin Castle, 13 Sept. 1707.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 128. Representation of the officers appointed for the recovering and collecting the rights and perquisites of Admiralty, to the Lord High Treasurer. They had proposed Col. Robert Quarry for the recovery of the rights and perquisites of Admiralty for the continent of North America. They ask his Lps directions to be able to make allowance to him out of the proceeds of the prizes, and enclose copy of a warrant from the Ld High Admiral to the Col. to recover the said rights. Dated 15 Sept. 1707.

Also the copy of warrant. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 129. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, for remission of the taxes on their salaries. Dated 16 Septr 1707.

Minuted:—"This to be done as usuall." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 17.] 130. Petition of Mary Boudet, widow, to the Queen, relating the services of her husband Lawrence Boudet, a French refugee, who was surgeon in the regiment of Sir George St George, and afterwards to that commanded by Lord Charlemont, and went to the West Indies and to Spain, where he died; praying for a pension.

Certificate of the Earl of Charlemont of his services. He was the only surgeon exposed to danger at the attacks of Fort Manjuick, where he dressed the Prince of Hesse's wound; being confined to his bed at the retreat of the regiment from Figueres, as he was unable to shift for himself he was left. By the help of a kind landlord he was conveyed away, but died of the surprise and fatigue. Dated 17 Sept. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 131. Petition of Nicholas Smith, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. He was in possession of a piece of ground in a close called Windmill Fields, at the upper end of Eyre St in St James's parish, Westminster, for the remainder of a term formerly granted to Sir Wm Pulteney; praying for the term to be made up to 50 years, in order to improve the property.

Referred to the Surveyor Genl, 18 Sept. 1707.

Minuted:—"The Surveyr Genlls reports. Agreed." 1 *page.*

Sept. 18. 132. Representation of the Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer?] They had appointed Mr George Dalrymple as assistant to their solicitor. He would attend the justices upon the brewers' complaints. They proposed he should have 80*l.* a year. As soon as they could get good bills they would remit what money they had to the Comrs of Excise in England. Dated Edinburgh, 18 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 20. 133. Letter of Mr Secretary Harley to the Ld High Treasurer, as to the great complaints made by the subjects of the States General

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of the United Provinces, of the high duties laid upon their linen and other goods of that nature; and more particularly that the linen coming from Germany paid less duty in England than that which was imported from the United Provinces. On which an address of the House of Commons was made to the Queen. Dated Whitehall, 20 Sept. 1707.

Copy of the address referred to, a letter from Mr Vryberge, the envoy from the States, and a memorandum on the same subject for the Duke of Marlborough. 7 *pages*, 2 *quarters*.

Sept. 20. 134. Letter from the Earl of Seafield to [? the Ld High Treasurer]. The enclosed memorial and other papers would inform his Lp of all that occurred to him (the Earl) at present. The pay of the army must be settled before they went from that part of the kingdom. Robert Murray was that evening brought in, and he (the Earl) had committed him prisoner to the castle, because it was more secure than the town prison, and would prevent the resort of the Jacobites to him. He was not yet examined, as some of the privy counsellors were in town, and the "Advocate" lay ill of the gout, so he could not be examined before Monday. He (the Earl) had written for my Lord Justice Clerk, and expected Lord Glasgow on Monday, and longed for further information, which might arrive by that time. He hoped in ten or twelve days all would be done that required his attendance, and if not commanded to stay should begin his journey, and so hoped for his Lps commands. Dated Edinburgh, 20 Sept. 1707.

Accompanying are three other papers:—

I. Memorial as to subsistence money. The exchange between London and Scotland was at 2½ if not 3 per cent. The Lords of the Privy Council had emitted a proclamation declaring all the foreign species of money current in that kingdom to be bullion only, and not to pass in any payments after the 6th of Oct. except to the Bank, which was to receive it until the 15th, and to that time the Bank was obliged to receive it, and pay the proprietors current money or notes at the option of the demander. The proprietors of the Bank were to have ½ per cent., to be paid out of the funds of the "Equivalent." They had great difficulty to persuade the Bank to undertake the trouble, as they alleged that it would be above 1½ years before the mint could coin all the foreign and Scots coin, so that a considerable sum would be as bullion in their hands, &c.

II. "Double" [of] memorial "by the Comrs of Equivalent to the Lords of Privy Council" in respect to payments to the African Company and the re-coinage.

III. Memorial of what was doing in the Privy Council and Exchequer as to the appointment of justices of the peace; as to the return of the writs concerning the 16 peers and 45 commoners elected to represent Scotland in the first Parliament of Great Britain; as to French privateers on the coast, asking that cruisers might be speedily appointed; as to entry of goods coming from the West Indies; as to measures taken in consequence of a tumult arising

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from a seizure of brandy at Preston Pans; as to the merchants being required to give their oaths in regard to embezzled goods; as to the rectifying the coin; as to payments to the African Company, and other matters about the coinage. 16½ *pages.*

Sept. 22. 135. Report of the Com^rs of Chelsea Hospital to the Ld High Treasurer, recommending 30*l.* a year to be allowed to Henry Powell, late steward there. Dated 22 Sept. 1707.

Minuted:—"8 X̃ber 1707. Agreed." 1 *page.*

Sept. 24. 136. Memorial of the Officers of Works for the payment of what was due to their office for the last quarter. Dated Office of Works, Sept. 24, 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 137. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the L^d [High Treasurer?] as to objections raised by the brewers to payment of the duties before the justices. They now had every day certified officers coming in, whom they disposed in the best towns, and they had remitted 4,500*l.* to the Com^rs of Excise, London. Dated Edinburgh, 25 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 138. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the several debts and demands on the forfeited estates of the Lord Griffin, and how they stood in priority of time. Dated 25 Sept. 1707.

Letter from James Griffin to the Lord High Treasurer, applying for what was due to him from his father's estate. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 26. 139. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the affronts their officers met with from the commanders, officers, and seamen of the Dutch men of war, and from the governor of Tilbury Fort, also as to the running of goods into Tilbury Fort; praying that a stop might be put thereto. A Dutch commodore had put some of their officers in irons. Dated 26 Sept. 1707.

Affidavit relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 27. 140. Memorial of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer, as to certain trees in the Forest of Dean fit for the navy. The barks of 20 oaks were stripped three or four feet above ground, and others just within the ground, to kill them, that they might be taken as dead trees. To prevent this abuse he asks for a warrant to cut the trees down, and for any found so for the future. For it was to be hoped that when disappointed of the trees, they would not take the pains to do the mischief.

Minuted:—"Ordered," &c. Dated 27 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 141. Memoranda of moneys paid to persons by the Hon. Spencer Compton, Esq., for a quarter to Michaelmas 1707. ½ *page.*

Sept. 29. 142. A view of the gross produce of Her Majesty's revenue in Ireland in the two quarters ended at Michaelmas 1706 and 1707. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 30. 143. Reasons given by the Com^rs of Customs in Scotland why Mr Moor, the Provost of Ayre, was not continued collector of Ayre. Dated 30 Sept. 1707.

Minuted:—"Send ye D. of Argy[l]es paper to Com^rs Cust. in Scotl'd." 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 144. A comparison of the debts of the navy at several periods of time, the last being 30 Sept. 1707. 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 145. An acc^t of what money is necessary for the immediate service of the office of Her Majesty's Ordnance. 1 *page.*

Sept. 146. An abstract of "Queen Anne's commission" for the navy. In Mr Lowndes' hand. 3 *pages.*

[? Sept.] 147. Memorial in behalf of Captain James Jefferies, who by the Queen's order was to attend the army of the King of Sweden as a volunteer, to the Ld High Treasurer, praying his Lordship to grant a salary, he having received none as yet by reason of the uncertainty of the march of the army out of Saxony. Dr John Robinson, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, had certified that the captain "had set forward from Leipsig" with the army on 26 Aug. 1707.

Certificate referred to. 1¼ *pages.*

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Oct. 1. 1. An account of money remaining to be received for the years 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, and 1707, short of the proportion of 19*s* a man a month for the service of the victualling. Dated 1 Oct. 1707. 1 *page.*

Oct. 1. 2. A state of the charge and debt of the sick and wounded office to the 1st Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 3. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the Ld High Treasurer. The justices had adjudged that the brewers should have an allowance of 1/8th on the gauge of all hot worts instead of 1/10th, and that the barrels which contain 1/6th more than the 34 gallons English, or 12 gallons present Scotts standard measure, should be the barrel by which they should be charged. They had represented to the justices the loss to the revenue, and that it was contrary to law. Would ask the Lord Advocate's advice how to quash the judgment. Could not get any money from the brewers for ale brewed since the 20th of July. Had yesterday received their new commission from the Earl of Seafield. Dated 2 Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 4. 4. Letter from the Lords of the Treasury of Scotland to the Lord [High Treasurer ?] in relation to the subsistence money for the forces and garrisons in Her Majesty's establishment in Scotland. The civil list could not answer any part of it, &c. The crown rents were exhausted by appropriations before the union. They make further suggestions as to this subsistence. It was of great consequence that it should be paid the first week of each month. Dated Edinburgh, Treasury Chamber, 4 Oct. 1707. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 5. Letter of J. Brydges, unaddressed, but probably to some one at the Treasury, apologizing for not making his acknowledgments sooner, for continued favours in the despatch of all business. As a small instance of his gratitude asking the acceptance of a "bill" enclosed. Dated 7 Oct. 1707. 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 9. 6. Representation from the Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the L^d [High Treasurer ?]. They had ordered the payment of the first 2,000*l.* for the subsistence of the forces, &c. The Earl of Seafield and Lords of the Treasury had stopped the judgment designed to be given by the justices. The standard measures were to be tried in a day or two. Dated 9 Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 9. 7 & 8. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Directors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich. There was a duty of 12*d.* per ton for stone shipped at Portland, except for royal palaces, and for such other public works as Her Majesty should give directions, and to levy the duty better, presentments were made of it at the Queen's Courts for her manor of Portland. The islanders had only 9*d.* of it for the poor, the other 3*d.* being paid to the receiver of the land revenue for Dorsetshire. He could not inform his Lordship what title the islanders had to the 9*d.*, or any part of it. All he could find was a pleaded custom for 6*d.* and a sign manual from King Charles II. for the other 3*d.* Being for the poor, it had been paid for the stone used at St Paul's and other works, except what was for the immediate service of the crown. It was paid for the stone used at Chelsea College; and how far Greenwich Hospital differed from that foundation he could not determine. The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's were entitled to the 6*d.* per ton paid to them by a clause in the last grant of the quarries to them; and it went towards the great charges of the ways, pier and crane. He (Sir Chr.) had a warrant (as former surveyors had) empowering him to give licences to quarrymen to work in the quarries. If Her Majesty thought fit to gratify the petitioners in the remission of the duty, he proposed that the Attorney General should settle the right of the 12*d.* per ton, and the steward of the manor should respit all presentments about the duty. Dated 9 Oct. 1707.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 9 & 10. Report of the Com^rs for duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the sworn attorneys of the courts of law at Westminster who were threatened

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with pains and penalties, and many of them under prosecution in the Exchequer, for contravening the stamp duties. They (the Com^rs) were satisfied that it had been a very common practice to defraud the stamp duties throughout England, &c. [It is a very lengthy report]. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 11 Oct. 1707.

Minuted:—"27th Octob^r 1707. Send this to Mr Attorney & Mr Soll^r Gen^ll for their opinions.'

Also the petition. 4 *pages*.

Oct. 13. 11. Letter of George Trotter to Mr Lowndes, asking him to acquaint the Ld High Treasurer that Mr Sedgwick, the collector of Whitby, was dead, and asking to be appointed, and that he should not be put by as he was the last time. Dated Custom House, Scarborough, Oct. 13, 1707? 1 *page*.

Oct. 13. 12. Representation of the Com^rs for the Land Tax for the Palaces of Whitehall, &c. Parliament had charged Her Majesty's family with 30,754*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* to be raised by the 4*s.* aid in the year 1705. They had represented that it would be the entire ruin of the greatest part of the family, but they had paid 19,403*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*, and they fell short 11,351*l.*; praying that their sad estate might be laid before their royal mistress, and for his Lordship's compassionate representation of their great distress. Dated Whitehall, 13 Oct. 1707. 1 *page*.

Oct. 14. 13. Memorial of the Com^rs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer on Lord Galway's and Col. Richards' proposal for augmenting the Spanish train. Lord Galway proposed that there should be a field train of 20 pieces of cannon, ammunition, &c., for the whole army (4,000 horse and foot), as he found the Portuguese had managed that service very ill, and it would be necessary to continue the officers, gunners, &c., at Alicant and Denia. Several sums had been laid out on the fortifications of Gibraltar. Previous to making their estimates they ask directions. Dated 14 Oct. 1707.

Minuted:—"To be considerd when the D. of Marlb^o comes over." 3 *pages*.

Oct. 14. 14. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen to the Ld High Treasurer, asking for 4,252*l.* to enable them to pay bills of exchange. Dated 14 Oct. 1707. 1 *page*.

Oct. 15. 15. Letter from Lord Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing report of the Com^rs of Revenue, and a certificate (two others being wanting) in favor of Col. Francis Baldwin, formerly a colonel under Lewis XIV. of France. He had been possessed of considerable estate in France, but being a Protestant "had been forced to fly from thence," and settled at Waterford, where he became an eminent trader, but by losses at sea was reduced. Her Majesty desired he might have a pension in Ireland, or other relief. Dated 15 Oct. 1707. 3 *pages*.

Oct. 16. 16. Letter of James Steuart, Lord High Advocate (Scotland), unaddressed, in relation to the question between the excise and the brewers. The brewers would not yield, the judgment of the justices

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being in their favour, and the Com^rs could not comply. He heartily wished the Com^rs might have directions and be allowed "to pass this seventh part to the brewers," for there was a new question. The 12 gallons Scots measure were rated to 34 gallons English barrel. The English standards were come, and according to the English gallon the 12 gallons Scots made nearly 37 English gallons, and what made the difficulty greater was the English quart did not agree to the English gallon. He had done his best to induce the brewers to pay up their sixth parts, and retain the seventh till the measures were adjusted, but they refused and they had no court there to determine the matter at present. Dated "Ed^r" 16 Oct. 1707.

[This letter is entered in the *North Britain Book*, Vol. I. p. 161. In the same book, p. 158, also is a warrant directing that the duty should be collected according to the standard quart.] 3 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 17. Copy of the opinion of Sir Simon Harcourt, Attorney General, and Sir James Mountague, Solicitor General, about importing brandy, &c. in small casks. Dated Oct. 16 and June 20, 1707. 7 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 18. Various papers as to the claim by John Forbes, of Culloden, for exemption from duties for certain sugar manufactories at Glasgow, including the opinion of the Attorney General. Dated 16 Oct. 1707. 23 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Oct. 16. 19. Report of Mr H. St John and Mr J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, in favour of a proposal of Mr Charles Robinson for furnishing small clothing and accoutrements for the use of the forces employed in Spain and Portugal. The contract was less by 3,350*l.* than had been paid in ready money for the like species. Dated 16 Oct. 1707.

The contract was agreed to. See *Minute Book*, Vol. 14, p. 117. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 20. Letter from Col. Daniel Parke to the Ld High Treasurer, "praying a commission as brigadier, and that it may be dated the same day Col. Crowther's was dated, and that he may have Lillingston's regiment, he not coming over to it; also transmitting accounts of imports and exports at Nevis and Antego." He says that the Duke of Marlborough had promised him the commission, and it was very hard he should be forgot because he was absent, and that he should have injustice done him because he was serving the Queen in the torrid zone. He had endured more fatigue than if he had been anywhere else, had had the plague, pestilence, and bloody flux, and had endured a hurricane which was as dreadful as possible for human nature to have an idea of. He further says: "I must beg leave to put your Lordship in mind of your promise to me (when I had the honour to make your heart glad by telling you the news of the glorious victory of Blenheim), the Dutchess and your Lordship bid me go home and take care of myself, and you would

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take care of my fortune. I had the honour to hear the same thing told me by the Queen at Windsor." Dated Nevis, 17 Oct. 1707.

The papers for Antigua only are with it. 5 *pages* (*two very large*).

Oct. 20. 21. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer giving his opinion that a ship was not seizable by law in Ireland for having imported French goods into any part of Great Britain. Dated 20 Oct. 1707.

Three other papers enclosed. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 22. Resolution of the House of Commons, Ireland, on the petition of Captain Robert Phillips, formerly of Col. Richard Coote's regiment in the late war in Ireland, viz., to recommend him to the Ld Lieutenant for consideration. Dated 20 Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 23. Letter of the Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, sending, by the Queen's command, the petition of the widow Woollet for consideration. Dated Whitehall, 20 Oct. 1707.

The petition and a certificate. Her husband had served 23 years and lost an arm at Valentia d'Alcantara, and fell at the battle of Almanza. 3 *pages, quarto.*

[About Oct. 21.] 24. Copy of Mr Howe's report on Lieut. Robert Stapleton's petition as to appointing him second major in lieu of the steward of Chelsea Hospital.

Minuted:—"21 October 1707. To be read w^n^ Powell's report comes before my Lord." 1 *page.*

Oct. 21. 25. Report of H. St John and J. Brydges to the Lord Treasurer, relating to the affair of the clothing for the forces in Spain. Dated 21 Oct. 1707. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 21. 26. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, London, to the Lord High Treasurer touching several matters in the Articles of Union relating to the customs of Scotland. Dated 21 Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Godolphin to be authorized to extend the general register already kept by him of all trading ships of England to those directed by the Treaty of Union to be entered in the same; recommending the same as a great check on irregular voyages and illegal trade. Dated 21 Oct. 1707.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Queen. 28th Octob^r^ 1707. A warr^t^ to be prepared wth a salary of 500^li^ p ann. for himself and such allowance for clerks and incid^ts^ as shall be thought reasonable by the Lord Treasurer or Comm^rs^ of the Treãry for the time being, to be paid out of ye revenue of cust., to hold during good behaviour." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 22. 28. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer touching some clauses to be offered to the Parliament on

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account of the excise and malt, occasioned by the union with Scotland. Dated 22 Oct. 1707.

Also an account of moneys received by the Com^rs of Excise, Edinburgh. 3½ *pages.*

Oct. 22. 29. "Navy Office, 22 October 1707. An estimate of the debt of Her Majesty's navy as it stood on ye 30 Sept. 1707." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 30. State of the business in relation to the annuities in the office of Henry Pelham, Clerk of the Pells in the receipt of the Exchequer, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer.

Docquetted:—"24 Octob^r 1707. A state of the several allowances made to the officers of the Exchequer on acco^t of the annuities, and w^t proporc̃ons they bear to one another." 1 *page.*

Oct. 24. 31. Petition of Samuel Edwin, Esq., Usher of the Receipt of the Exchequer, to the Ld High Treasurer, for his warrant to the auditor to draw orders for necessaries. Dated 24 Oct. 1707. 1 *page.*

Oct. 24. 32. Copy of letter from Mr Wm Lowndes to Mr Brydges, complaining that fortnightly certificates of receipts and payments for the forces had not been sent, as the Ld Treasurer personally directed, and desiring they should be sent forthwith. An account of the moneys for the forces in Spain also to be supplied. Dated 24 Oct. 1707. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 33. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the petition of several clothiers for payment out of off-reckonings. Dated 27 Oct. 1707. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 28. 34. Letter of the Earl of Sunderland to the Envoy of Portugal. The Queen had read the Envoy's two memorials, and was persuaded that it was of the last importance to sustain the war in Portugal. Her Majesty had already sent four regiments beyond those sanctioned by Parliament, and there were three others ready. She had no doubt Parliament would quickly fulfil the conditions of the treaty for the coming year and furnish the means; but the court of Portugal had failed to execute the same treaty. In place of entertaining 13,000 men on the borders of Spain, and 15,000 in Portugal, there were not a third of them in the campaign. As for the misfortune to the horses embarked for Lisbon (which were then in Ireland), the Queen had sent instructions to the Earl of Pembroke such as he (the Envoy) wished, and she would give order to replace at her own charge the horses which should be bought in Ireland. Dated Cockpit, 28 Oct. 1707. (*French.*) 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 28. 35. Copy of the "justices' determination about the ale measure, &c. for Scotland. At Edinburgh, Oct. 28, 1707." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 29.] 36. Petition of Irene, Margaret, Mary, and Alice Cæsar, daughters and heirs of Augustine Cæsar, late of Rochester in the county of Kent, doctor of physic, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer. The purchase money agreed on for part of Chatham Docks was

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ordered to be paid them by navy bills. They bore date 19 Sept., but carried no interest, and were not payable for 18 months, and the navy was two years behind in its payments; praying payment of the interest.

Minuted:—"29 Oct. 1707. To commence interest at the end of 6 months after the date of the bills according to ye course of the navy." 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 37. Letter of the Paymaster and Commissaries of the Army in Scotland as to a difficulty in the payment of the army in Exchequer notes. Dated "Edin^r^, 30th Octo^r^ 1707."

Minuted:—"Read to my Lord Treasurer 6th Novr. 4,000^li^ orderd to be issued to Sir D. Nairn to compleat ye ord^r^ in his name for 8,000^li^ for ye troops in Scotland." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 30. 38. Abstract of papers laid before his Exc̃ie the Earl of Pembroke, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, relating to the forfeitures as by order of the House of Commons; with the Com^rs^ memorial thereon to his Excellency. The last dated 30 Oct. 1707. 5¼ *pages.*

Oct. 30. 39. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him estimates for land and sea service. Dated 30 Oct. 1707.

Accompanied by three estimates and a schedule of the debt of the office. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 40. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the L^d^ [High Treasurer]. The justices had met and adjudged that the brewers for Edinburgh and precincts should forthwith pay 6/7^ths^ of the officers' charge, and should retain 1/7th till further order. The brewers and victuallers should have 36 English gallons allowed for a barrel for all that part of Great Britain. Dated Excise Office, Edinburgh, 30 Oct. 1707. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 31. 41. "An acco^t^ of the money voted by Parliam^t^ for the navy for the year 1707, with what remained to come in; with the debt of two months course and one quarter for the yards." Dated 31 Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 42. "A state of the debts arising in Scotland from the 1st of May 1707 (the day wch the union took place) to the 1st of January following." Dated 31 Oct. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 43. Memorial of Captain Gerard Devine to the Lord High Treasurer, for his charges (20*l.* 6*s.*) in coming from Antwerp on 9 Oct. 1707, N.S., with letters from the Duke of Marlborough to the Queen.

Also the items of the account. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 1. 44. Letter from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Ld High Treasurer, sending an address of the House of Lords for a consideration for the service and attendance of their officers and servants during the session; also an address for arrears of former years. Dated Dublin Castle, 1 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

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Nov. 3. 45. Proposals for regulating the victualling of the packet boats at Falmouth, made in consequence of the want of despatch of the mails for Portugal. A voyage was seldom performed in less than 30 days. The cost of maintaining another boat would be about 2,000*l.* per ann., and her first price would be about 2,500*l.* Dated London, 3 Nov. 1707.

Minuted:—"To be considerd to-morrow morning." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 46. Memorial of Mr Gregory King to the Lord High Treasurer for payment to himself and clerks for attending the business of the office of Controllers of the Accounts of the Army. Dated 3 Nov. 1707.

Minuted:—"Ordd." 1 *page, quarto.*

[After Nov. 3.] 47. Copies of petitions, &c., relating to the affairs of Thomas Byerley, Collector and Receiver General of the province of New York, and arising out of his suspension, reinstatement, and subsequent arrest. The last dated 3 Nov. 1707. 13 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 3. 48. Articles of agreement between Peter Hume on behalf of Her Majesty of the first part, Thomas Rymer of the second part, and Awnsham Churchill of the third part, for the printing of the sixth volume of leagues and treaties. Dated 3 Nov. 1707.

Parts of the signatures torn away. 1 *page* (*brief size*).

[? About Nov. 4.] 49. Letter from Dame Barbara Killigrew to the Ld High Treasurer, asking his Lp to bestow 20*l.* on her as the last favour she would ever presume to ask. If he would give this 20*l.* she would end the remainder of her life in peace.

Minuted:—"20li out of sec. service. Pd 4 Novr 1707." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 5. 50. Treasurer of the Chambers' memorial to complete the quarters allowances to Midsummer last, 1707, &c. Dated 5 Nov. 1707.

Minuted:—"10 Novr 1707. Ordered." 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 51. Copy of report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, relating to the "forfeiture accounts." Dated Dublin, 6 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 52. Letter of the same to the Lord High Treasurer about running goods out of East India ships. They had given directions about the six ships that had arrived, but the seamen being numerous, and generally assisted by those on board the men-of-war their convoy, they apprehended their (the Comrs) officers would be overpowered and the goods would be run. Dated Dublin, 6 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 53. Letter from the Comrs of Excise to the Earl of Glasgow, thanking him for his gracious offers of kindness. They should show the Lord Treasurer's letter to the Lord Advocate that he might speak to the justices of the peace. They enclosed copy of report to the Lord High Treasurer, in which the difference between the 34 English gallons and the 36 gallons appointed by the justices

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was set down at length. Mr Rutherford would not take Exchequer notes. Dated 6 Nov. 1707.

The copy referred to is not with it. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 54. Report of the Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The paymaster of the army had refused to receive Exchequer notes, and they had stopped the payment of money into the Excise Office in London. They had received his Lps warrant relating to English standard measures, and the Attorney General's opinion relating to the sugar manufactories at Glasgow and Mr Forbes' case. Dated Edinburgh, 6 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 55. Letter docquetted: "Lrẽ from Comrs [of Revenue] in Ireland concerning arrears of forfeitures." Enclosing an abstract of the papers they had laid before the Lord Lieutt as to their proceedings, &c. Dated Dublin, 6 Nov. 1707.

The abstract named. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 56. Letter of James Steuart unaddressed. He still saw a difficulty in making the 12 Scots gallons 34 English only, as the Act of Union appointed. Dated "Ednr," 6 Nov. 1707. 1 *small page.*

Nov. 7. 57. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer, on a letter of Mons. Vryberg, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, complaining of excessive duties laid upon linen thread and tapes of the manufacture of those provinces. They were of opinion that laying duties on linens so as to encourage the importation of the finer sorts from the Netherlands, was no prejudice to the subjects of those countries, who were already indulged in one particular fabric called "borelaps." As to what was alleged by Mr Taverner of 900,000 pounds worth of English corn and woollen manufacture imported in a year in one port of Holland, if half of it were corn they could not doubt that the advantages which the subjects of the States General received by the low price thereof on occasion of the bounty allowed here for exporting it, would be a greater advantage than the alteration of the linen duties, &c. They hoped the Envoy would procure an order from their High Mightinesses the States General to the commanders of the men-of-war coming to this kingdom, restraining them from bringing prohibited goods, as great disputes too frequently arose between them and the Custom House officers, occasioning such just complaints as might tend to interrupt that good correspondence which was so desirable to be continued between the subjects of this kingdom and those states. Dated 7 Nov. 1707. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 8. 58. Letter from Wm Churchill to the [Ld High Treasurer]. Having an invitation to serve in parliament for Ipswich he had obtained leave of his royal highness to quit his employment in the sick and wounded office; transmits proposal for supply of clothing in Spain, &c. Dated 8 Nov. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 59. Letter of Sir Jeffrey Jeffreys to the [Ld High Treasurer, objecting to the dismissal of Benjamin Heming, Esq., consul in the

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island of Madeira, who was about to be superseded by John Milner, Esq., Consul General for all the dominions of the King of Portugal, Madeira excepted. Asking his Lps favour towards the petition that would be presented to Her Majesty in council thereon. Dated London, 10 Nov. 1707.

Minuted:—"He must apply to ye Secry of State." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 60. Affidavit of Mr W. Bowyer as to the printing of the 5th volume of the "Conventiones, Litteræ," &c. Sworn 10 Nov. 1707.

Minuted:—"Recd this afft of Mr Cremer 15th Novr 1707, and deliverd to him at ye same time the bond & articles for the 5th vol. of these Fœdera." 1 *page.*

Nov. 10 & 11. 61. Letter of Col. J. Dudley, Governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire provinces in New England, to the Lord High Treasurer. Mr Jekyll the Collector and Mr Newton the Controller of Customs had arrived by the mast fleet. He had presumed to name Mr Jekyll, who was then employed in the other province as Treasurer of New Hampshire, but in time of peace the office was not worth more than 20*l.* or 30*l.* and in war not above 80*l.*, &c. The trade in pitch and tar was greatly advanced, and he had always covered the workmen with good guards; they being always pursued by the Indians in places far distant from our settlements. The accounts of revenue would be sent home by the Deptford, the convoy to the mast fleet. He had only this safe conveyance, and it was but once a year.

He prayed that the enclosed defence of his management in the government might be acceptable to his Lordship, and if it did not appear that the address offered to Her Majesty against him was very false and groundless, he would never offer one word more to support himself in Her Majesty's favour. If out of 10,000 freeholders in the province there were 100 that would not address Her Majesty for his continuance he would lose all he had. There were no men, civil or military, in office but the best in the country, and the administration was moderate and acceptable to the people. The assemblies of New Hampshire had addressed Her Majesty for his continuance. Everybody expressed their abhorrence at the allegations against him. He asked it on his knees that these false calumnies might not remove him from his Lordship's favour, and that he might be favourably represented to Her Majesty. His allowance was not more than 300*l.* sterl. per ann., which did not pay for his support, but he was content with that and his own estate if he might have the honor of serving Her Majesty. He prayed he might sustain the service there until his countrymen saw that he had something for his service in England all the last reign and five years in this province, and that he might be succeeded by a person of education and morals, which most men there thought Sir Charles Hobby, who had made all this pursuit against him, wanted.

P.S.—He acquainted his Lp in his last of the forces then abroad in the snow, who in their march, after the letters were gone, came upon a troop of 25 Indians, several of them considerable captains,

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and killed them every man, and in their return closely pursued another troop, so as to get their very clothes and provisions. He doubted not they were starved to death, having 200 miles to go home in the depth of the snow. Soon after their return, at the desire of the assemblies of both provinces, he sent eastward 1,000 men, who ravaged and burnt all the houses about Port Royal to the number of 150, and destroyed all their stock and corn, and returned with about 30 prisoners, but were not capable to "insult" the fort, it being a regular work of 40 pieces of cannon, and they could bring no cannon nor mortars to bear against it, as Col. Redknap, Her Majesty's engineer, who was then employed, and other officers, informed him. There were some few discontented that Port Royal fort was not taken, and would misrepresent him if possible. Dated Boston, 10 Nov. 1707.

The letter is accompanied by—

(1.) Colonel Dudley's defence and apology against the most unjust and false representation in an address offered to Her Majesty at Windsor on the 23rd of June last past. His father was one of the three first undertakers that purchased the province of Massachusetts, and after the settlement thereof was governor there until his death, and left his family there, and the colonel for many years during the charter was one of the council and their agent in England in the reign of King Charles II., and since the alteration of the government in the last year of that King was named president of the province, and served in that and other stations until the revolution, when he was made lieut^t governor of the Isle of Wight by King William, under the Lord Cutts, where he served nearly 10 years to the satisfaction of the King and his subjects. In 1701 he was appointed by the King, and soon after by Queen Anne, governor of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire provinces, in New England. He was never in any trade. He was never twice plaintiff or defendant in any court or cause. He was twice complained of, and on both occasions he was acquitted by His Majesty in council and sent away with honor. Had appointed the best men to offices; had not influenced any judgments in the courts, &c.; had contented himself on 500*l.* per ann., which was but 300*l.* sterling. In former wars with French and Indians the government had always purchased prisoners at 5*l.* a head or more, but he had forced the exchange of prisoners without ransom. The French and Indians, in troops like wolves, had made very hard impressions on an open frontier of 200 miles on poor and indefensible villages, but he had met and defeated them many times every summer, and beat them from all places of their planting, so that they could not live within 300 miles of the English settlements, nor had Her Majesty lost one village. Of all which things there were 10,000 freeholders who would give evidence. Several of the hands set to the petition [against him] were forged. To the first article in the petition he replies that the people were in a hurry, but on a full hearing before the King and council he (Col. Dudley) was justified, and employed in several commissions, and when the Massachusetts government was void it was given him.

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To the second article he answers that the general assembly had voted the charges scandalous and false.

The third, fourth, and fifth articles accuse him of supporting the Indians in trading for their benefit and to the destruction of the English. He replies that he had fitted the frontiers with snow shoes, and had kept out in the winter 4 or 500 men to march hundreds of miles into the depth of the country and defeated all their inroads, and in the summer beaten them from their fishing and planting grounds, so that they had not one acre of corn at all their ancient planting places, thereby keeping them in a starving condition, and he had obtained of the assembly to set 100*l.* each on the rebels' heads, so that their commander "Escambuit," at Newfoundland, in his letter to Captain Moody, threatened to kill 60 English prisoners if he (Col. Dudley) were not recalled. Mr William Partridge in his evidence gave as a reason why Col. Dudley must needs correspond with the enemy because he knew where to meet them. He (the Col.) confesses that by faithful Indians at Albany, and by agents at Quebec, he had constant secret intelligence of the enemies, and often met them to a day, and always seasonably, so that they were for ever defeated and fled home naked and wounded, for which all the ministers in the country had given public thanks, &c.

The seizure of Captain Veitch and his partner's estate, and confiscation thereof to Her Majesty, and the fines of 3,000*l.* to Her Majesty (which was never done before in these provinces), would acquit him of any partnership with any of them. Col. Dudley then calls attention to the quality and circumstances of his accusers. He (the Col.) had done some unpopular acts, such as totally extirpating piracy, shipping off to Jamaica two companies of near 100 men each, by Her Majesty's commands, who either died there or never since had been permitted to return. He prevailed with the people to send two cargoes of provisions to St Christopher's, the people of which island were left by the French to starve. More pitch and tar had been sent home the last year than in many years before. He stood upon it to the last degree that he had for the last 30 years served the crown with all faithfulness, &c., and prayed that he might not lose Her Majesty's favor, nor have his enemies triumph over him.

(2.) Letter of the ministers of New England in answer to the charge that the government of Colonel Dudley was not acceptable to them, strongly asserting the contrary. They remark that "Hiram sometime said to Solomon, 'because the Lord loved Israel he had made him king,' they might in like manner say because God had a favour to them he had made him governor. Dated Northampton, N. England, Nov. 11, 1707. With seven signatures.

(3.) Memorial of the same Colonel. He had been five years employed in a war and troubles with the French and their dependent Indians, and was sensible of their settlements and strength.

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Port Royal was the head of L'Acadie and Nova Scotia, consisting of a very regular work with 50 pieces of cannon at the mouth of a good harbour. It had in it six regular companies of near 300 men. Its dependants were the town of Port Royal, lately destroyed by the forces sent from New England, the towns of Menis and Secanecte, open villages, together making 500 men more, which was all the strength of that government, and lay not above 60 leagues from the coast of the province of Main, where the English garrisons were. Quebeck upon Canada river was a fortified town, where the French general resided, and had in it a regiment making about 800 regular forces. The forces of Montreal, Troy river, and other French settlements made in the whole about 3,000 men, but so distant and divided to 300 miles at least that they could be no assistance to each other, unless they left the whole country void.

These settlements had no shipping but a few fishing boats, and once a year in August, one frigate usually came from Placentia with two store ships for their year's supply. Notwithstanding their small number, by their priests and jesuits they had gotten the command of the inland Indians, and had debauched the Indians of the province of Main, and by their late trade and discovery of Missasippi river had made a circle round all the English colonies from New England to Virginia, and gave the government of New England great trouble. If they should debauch the five nations of the Maquas, which had for a long time been difficult to keep steady to the English interest, they would bring to the last distress Maryland and Virginia, (which were planted in no posture of defence,) to the loss of the best trade belonging to Her Majesty in all the West Indies.

At the issue of every war between the crown of England and the French King, they had always added to their strength and trade in their northern settlements in America, so that every seven years made a conquest of them more difficult, and they would at length, if not prevented, be able to ravage all Her Majesty's governments, and would put them beyond a capacity of carrying on the trade so necessary and beneficial to the kingdom of Great Britain, to whom they had hitherto been so advantageous.

If Her Majesty would send early in the year five or six frigates with 2,000 regular men, and two bomb ketches with stores, and let all the governments of New England, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island be commanded to prepare a just quota of men to assist, one summer would, with the favor of God, reduce all those parts to the English obedience and make room for very good settlements, and the soldiers sent would soon be induced on sight of so good a country to become planters.

This would for ever put these provinces in perfect repose and reduce the dependant Indians to a vassalage to the English Government, secure the whole trade of furs, naval stores, the fishery for Spain and elsewhere, entirely in English hands, to the unaccountable profit of the nation, as well as glory to Her Majesty's victorious arms, and the loss to the French would be in all things equal to

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the English gain [This is undated, but it is probably of about the same period as the other papers.] 9 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 62. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren to the Ld High Treasurer, relating to the stone quarries in the island of Portland. The quarries belonging to the crown and affording much larger and finer blocks of stone than any quarries in England, great care had been always taken to preserve them from waste, and the better to prevent abuses by irregular working, as well as to ascertain a duty payable on transporting stone, Sir Chr. Wren as Surveyor General of Works had Her Majesty's warrant (as former surveyors had) to licence and direct the raising and transport of stone from thence, which he had long practised with good success and much to the service of the crown; but some quarrymen of Portland disputed Her Majesty's right, and opened new quarries without leave, &c., and no warning having any effect, he laid the matter before his L^p that the Attorney General might take such course with the offenders as the law would allow. Dated 11 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 63. Report of the Com^rs of Trade to the Ld High Treasurer, on Mr Sliford's proposal to be agent to that Board. They preferred to have the opinion of the most experienced merchants in the several trades to information collected by any single person, &c. They were of opinion that the constituting such an officer as was proposed would not be of any use. Dated Whitehall, Nov. 12, 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Dec. 1707. My Lord agrees wth this report of the Lords Comm^rs of Trade." 5 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 64. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Brigadier William Villiers, praying a warrant for the pay of brigadier vacant by the death of Lord Cutts, &c. Dated Dublin Castle, 13 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 14. 65. Representation by the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the duty on malt, which tends greatly to the "deceit" of Her Majesty's subjects, by vending to them an unwholesome and bad commodity, and to defraud the revenue; showing the practices resorted to by the maltsters in the counties of Hertford, Berks, Cambridge, and other places to defraud the excise officers by treading the corn in the steep, by mixing it in various stages of the steep, by throwing it out of the cisterns or couches in 5 10 15 or 20 hours instead of 50, to spread it on the floors; so that it was scarcely possible for the officers to know what had been gauged. They had prepared divers clauses to be offered to Parliament, and submit the same to his Lordship. Dated 14 Nov. 1707.

Minuted:—"1 Xber 1707. Read." 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 66. Letter of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Sir Lambert Blackwell to the Queen, sending a report on the same by the Solicitor General for Ireland. Dated Dublin Castle, 17 Nov. 1707.

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The report named. The solicitor advises that there was a grant to John Blackwell, Esq., the petitioner's father, of lands in Ireland forfeited by the rebellion of 1641 remaining undisposed of to the yearly value of 1,000*l.*, and that lands in the counties of Dublin and Meath to the value of 319*l.* 14*s.* per ann. were found and returned at the expense of petitioner's father as sequestered by the rebellion of 1641; but it seemed to the solicitor that none of these estates were proper to be granted to the petitioner.

Minuted:—"Read 21th June 1708. Make an extract of so much of the Sollr Genlls report as concerns the lands formerly found by Mr Blackwell and send it to the Comrs of ye Revenue to certify if those lands now are in the crown, how the profits thereof are answer'd, and to what uses the same are applyd, and to return their rept to his Lordp as soon as conveniently they can." 5 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 67. Letter from the Post Masters General to Mr Taylour in relation to the detention of the privy seal for the discharge of the deficiency on account of Mr Dummer's West India contract, and for entering into a new contract with him for that service. Mr Dummer was very pressing for money, &c. Dated Genl Post Office, Nov. 17, 1707.

Minuted:—"19 Nov. 1707. Mr Dummer. Orderd." 1 *page.*

Nov. 18. 68. Letter from Col. Daniel Parke to the Lord High Treasurer. Since the packet sailed he had sent a flag of truce to Martinique with some prisoners taken by a privateer (for he had no man-of-war attending his government). Before the gentleman he sent could get his despatch and the prisoners they were to send him (the Col.), Mons. Du Cass arrived, viz., on the 11th inst., with 10 men of war (eight of which were from 70 to 86 guns) and several large privateers, all very full of men. They had boats that rowed with 36 oars, and at Martinique they had fitted up several large flat-bottomed boats for landing men. The gentleman and those that belonged to his "flag of truce" had brought him the news. The gentleman told him he saw Mons. Du Cas, and was told there were 18 men of war more expected, and that they designed to attack Barbadoes. Mons. Collett, their intendant at Martinique, went on board a 40-gun ship, and sailed, as he believed, to Tobago, to give an account of the 18 men-of-war. Since he had this news our privateers took four more French prisoners that came out of Martinique before the arrival of Du Cas. They [the privateers ?] expected Du Cas, with 30 men-of-war and forces, to attack Barbadoes. He sent the news by the Greenwich to Barbadoes. He had sent to each island in his government to put themselves in the best posture they were able. This being the "windermost," best, and richest island was most likely to be attacked first. They were in ill condition to receive them (the French). The regiment sent wanted 200 men; the new raised men required arms, &c., but such as were sent for the inhabitants were distributed to them (the soldiers). Col. Lillingston and several of his officers were taking their pleasure in London. He had but one captain there who had seen service, and very few of the lieutenants and ensigns.

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The recruits sent over were either old men or boys, fit for nothing, some so bad the officers were so ashamed of as to discharge. Being unfit for labour they were begging. He expected the greatest service from the planters, who were few but good men. He was "riteing up the walls at Monk's Hill thrown down by the hurricane." The good news of the Duke of Savoy being in France made the islanders believe they should hear no more of any French fleets in that part of the world. All his rhetoric could not persuade them to be at that charge until this alarm. He was fortifying a camp and running a line about their town. Though he could not work miracles, he hoped he should do his duty. He had nobody to assist him, and no engineer; all his hope was they would attack Barbadoes first, and lose so many men there that he might deal with them when they came. Dated Antigua, Nov. 18, 1707. 8 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 19. 69. An account of all moneys annually granted by Parliament for sea service and annually issued for the same since the commencement of the war, viz., for the years 1702 to 1707. The sums were issued up to 19 Nov. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 70. Establishment of the Saxon troops and regiments of Bothmar. Dated 20 Nov. 1707. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 71. Letter of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Pembroke), transmitting various reports as to a grant desired by the Earl of Inchiquin of certain slabs of ground to make a key in the neighbourhood of the harbour of Cork, and also as to creating the manor, castle, &c. of Rostollan into a corporation. He was in favour of the request. Dated Dublin Castle, 22 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 24. 72. Letter of Lord Cornbury [governor of New York] to the Lord High Treasurer. He was informed that Mr Byerley was refusing to pay any one, and was getting in all the money he could, and that he certainly intended to go off. The Chief Justice complained that he could not get his salary from Mr Byerley, and believed he intended to leave. The writer had ordered the sheriff of New York to arrest him and take good security. It appeared very plainly the books of the revenue were not kept in the custom house nor in his lodgings. Mr Weaver [a previous collector] produced his books every Saturday, the Comrs did the same, and Mr Byerley also the first time he was there, but now refused. He had not produced his accounts to the deputy auditor, and told everybody over his cups that the [governor] and council had nothing to do with him. There were various other complaints of his refusing to pay salaries, and the governor himself could not get his salary. Complains of abusive language from him. Asks what method he is to take with him. Dated New York, 24 9br 1707. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 25. 73. Letter from Ro. Harley to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing the petition of Mrs Margaret Annesley, widow, which states that her late husband, Capt. Charles Annesley, deceased, had died at Jamaica, and had spent all his fortune in the King's service, and prays for support. Dated 25 Nov. 1707. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 25. 74. Letter from the Earl of Pembroke to the Earl of Sunderland as to the petition of Richard Martin, of Byrehall, for new barracks in Eyre, Connaught. He was of opinion the Queen ought not to be at any further charge. Dated Dublin Castle 25 Nov. 1707.
Minuted:—"Read 4th Sep. 1708." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 27.] 75. Memorial of Col. Humphrey Gore, colonel of one of Her Majesty's regiments of foot in Ireland, praying to be repaid his disbursements for completing certain regiments for Portugal.
Minuted—"27th Novr 1707. Ref. to Lord Lieut. of Ireland." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 76. "Presentment of the Commrs [for salt] relating to the duties under their management," touching the allowance for waste on shipment, and containing a good deal about the salt trade. Dated 27 Nov. 1707. 11 *pages.*

Nov. 27. 77. Memorial of Sir Roger Bradshaigh, colonel of one of the regiments of foot in Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of 588*l.* expended for clothing the troops. Dated 27 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 78. "Copy of a paper from ye collr of Whitehaven touching a French privateer wch came convoy from France to 2 North Britain ships." Dated 28 Nov. 1707. 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 79. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, offering some clauses for putting the making of malt upon an equitable and reasonable foundation. Dated 28 Nov. 1707.
The clauses referred to. 7½ *pages.*

Nov. 29. 80. Letter from the Lord Lieutenant (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing the petitions of Captain Robert Philips, Captain William Hamilton, and Lieut. William Gunter, recommended by the Irish House of Commons, the first for his wounds, services, &c., and the other two to be restored to half pay for Her Majesty's pleasure. Dated Dublin Castle, 29 Nov. 1707.
The first petition is the only one remaining. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 81. Letter of Messrs. Edward Haistwell and Nathaniel Rous to Col. Lillingston, making propositions to pay his regiment, then in the Leeward Islands. Dated Nov. 29, 1707.
Another paper on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 82. Observations on a paper sent from Scotland in the letter of the 7th of November, relating to several articles in the Treaty of Union.
Two other papers thereon. 4 *pages.*

?Nov. 83. An account of money due to the executors of John Methuen, Esq., to Capt. James Jeffreys and Dr Robinson. [It is mentioned that Dr Robinson had certified that Capt. James Jeffreys had set out from Leipsic to follow the King of Sweden on 26 Aug. 1707, so that there was not yet a quarter due to him.] 1 *page.*

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Dec. 1. 84. Report of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the petition of William Beckford, of London, Esq., as to his claims for slop clothes supplied to the navy. Petitioner and his father had served the crown as slopsellers from about the time of the Restoration to the year 1706, and must have suffered great losses. Petitioner was debtor to the crown 3,418*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* Dated 1 Dec. 1707.

Minuted:—"23 Jan. 1707. My Lord, upon the pet^r paying 1,418 16, and releasing 2,000*l.* of his old debt, will cause ye whole imprest to be discharged." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 2. 85. Report of the Com^rs of Victualling to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of divers merchants of London, owners of the ships mentioned in the list annexed, as to payment to them of demurrage or other allowance. Dated 2 Dec. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Decr 1707. My Lord is fully satisfyd wth this rept."

The petition and the list. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 4. 86. Letter from the Com^rs of Customs in Scotland to Mr Lowndes, signifying the receipt of the Lord Treasurer's directions about the salaries of the Lords of Session, &c., and "bringing a copy of a paper from ye coll^r of Whitehaven concerning a French privateer wch came convoy from France to two North Brittain ships." Dated 4 Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

Dec. 5. 87. Memorandum that Sir Thomas Littleton was debtor for 5,000*l.* lent by the Bank of England on tallies on 5 Dec. 1707. 8 *lines.*

Dec. 6. 88. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on the petitions of (1) William Cooper and David [? Daniel] Allen, merchants; (2) of Sir Talbot Clerk and partners; and (3) of Thomas Chambers, concerning the coinage of copper halfpence and farthings. The first petition asked to be allowed to coin in the Tower 700 tons of English copper in 10 years, under restrictions. It alleges that the petitioner could export copper money to make up in good measure the Cadiz trade, and that their returns would be in bullion and hides. They (the mint officers) had reported on 1 July 1703 that the coinage of copper halfpence and farthings ought to be of the intrinsic value, as well as that of gold and silver (the charges of coinage deducted), and that, whenever necessary, it should be in small quantities only, to supply the decrease and loss of those already coined, and they were confirmed in their opinion by complaints in Parliament of overstocking upon the coinage of 700 tons by the last patent. The nation was now fully stocked in some places. As to the Cadiz trade, they were told the petitioners would carry 17½ tons to the Spanish plantations. There was no objection to this, under restrictions. (2.) This petition prayed to be allowed to send two tons per week of blanks of malleable copper to be coined till 700 tons were disposed of, and to dispense the same when coined. The petitioners proposed to cut a pound weight into 21 pence, with a remedy of a halfpenny, and reckoned to be allowed for the copper 12*d.* per pound, for the hammering and cutting it into blanks 6*d.*, for the dispensing 1*d.*, and to pay for coinage 2*d.*

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(3.) Mr Chambers prayed for leave to supply the mint with good English malleable copper at the rate of 12d per pound, and to be paid in halfpence and farthings by tale without any further consideration, which they considered the most advantageous proposal. On the whole the coinage of copper money should be of the intrinsic value and in small quantities. Contracts should be made for the same. He who made the blanks should have no advantage by making them too light or too heavy, and they should be made in the mint, the making of them being part of the coinage, &c. Dated Mint Office, 6 Dec. 1707.

The second *minute* on the back is:—"14th Apr. 1708. My Lord, upon considering of this report wth the officers of ye Mint, doth not thinke there is any occasion for coyning more farthings & halfe pence at present."

The three petitions referred to, "the case of Sr Talbot Clerke, Bart., and partners," and a draft of part of a similar report to that above described." 9 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 89. The opinion of the Attorney General (Sir Simon Harcourt) as to an account to be taken of foreign goods imported into ports of North Britain. Dated 6 Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

Dec. 10. 90. Memorial of J. Howe to the [Lord High Treasurer], asking for a warrant to the Auditor of Imprests for allowing certain sums in his account of the guards, garrisons, &c.; also for the Royal Hospital. Dated 10 Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

Dec. 11. 91. Letter from the Comrs of Excise in Scotland to the [Lord High Treasurer], signifying that they had paid the last 4,000*l.* paid into the Excise Office, London, on their account with the help of some Exchequer bills, which they promised to exchange as cash came to hand. As regards the ale measure, they found that 12 gallons Scots exceeded the English barrel by one English gallon and one quart. Dated Edinburgh, 11 Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 92. Letter from D. Luis da Cunha to [ ] as to 24,000 sets of clothing to be provided by Arthur Stert, an English merchant residing at Lisbon, at a cost beyond 60,000*l.* His Excellency was aware of the low price put upon the exchange for Lisbon, so that the correspondents of Arthur Stert dare not undertake the business. The clothes would not be provided in time, and they must be had elsewhere. This would not suit his master or the English manufacturers, and a better market would be found. If his Excellency would accept letters of exchange at the ordinary rate it would much oblige his master and encourage exports from England. Dated December $\frac{12}{23}$ 1707. [*French.*]

Minuted:—"Answerd 19th Decr 1707." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 13. 93. Copy of letter from Mr Thomas Byerley to the Comrs of Trade and Plantations, stating the difficulties and hindrances he met with in the discharge of his duties as collector and receiver general of the province of New York. He had been suspended by the

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governor and restored by the Lord High Treasurer, but the books, papers, and recognizances were detained by Mr Fauconier, who acted as commissioner during his suspension, and who had not adjusted his accounts, and the balance must be the first item in his (Mr Byerley's) account. He had represented this to the governor without success. That gentleman being naval officer and chief manager of affairs, they were carried on by him and others contrary to Her Majesty's interest, and whatever was contrary to their own was spurned. He had been threatened to be murdered, to be pulled out of the custom house, &c., and this, though complained of, had gone unpunished. He had given 2,500*l.* security, yet the governor had by the sheriff arrested him, and he had to give 2,000*l.* security to appear before the governor and the council under pretence that he had embezzled the Queen's money, &c. Asking, if complaints were made against him by Lord Cornbury, for time to justify himself. Dated New York, 13 Dec. 1707. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 13. 94. An account (signed by Dr David Gregory) of the new regulation of Her Majesty's mint at Edinburgh laid before the Lord High Treasurer. After comparison of the constitution of the mint in Scotland with that at the Tower, and with the Queen's instructions, the Doctor and the other officers added three new clerks during the re-coinage to the Queen's clerk, who was there before, to wit, one for the master, one for the warden, and one for the counter warden. All these four clerks were well instructed in the methods of rating and standarding, and the forms of book-keeping used in the mint of the Tower by the clerk sent by Her Majesty. The great difficulty was in the melting, it being made there with pit coal. In this Dr Gregory made several experiments according to directions from Sir Isaac Newton, and at last such rules of "allaying" were found out and agreed on as by experience were found to make the silver of standard fineness. Dr Gregory continued at Edinburgh until 21 Nov., when the methods of the mint at the Tower being well understood he left. Dated London, 13 Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

Dec. 15. 95. Report of William Blathwayt [auditor general of H.M. Plantations in America, to the Lord High Treasurer], on the petition of John Salkeld, clerk, who had assisted in the reduction of the French part of the island of St Christopher's, and had obtained from Coll Codrington, then governor, a grant of part of those lands, but was a sufferer by the burning of his houses and sugar canes the last year by the French, and suffered greatly at Nevis, where he was taken prisoner; praying a confirmation of the grant; recommending that the grant should be confirmed during the present war with France, as intended by Col. Codrington. Dated 15 Dec. 1707.

Minuted:—"24 Xbr 1707. Grantd for 3 years if ye present war so long continues."

The petition and the copy of the grant by the colonel. 4 *pages (one double).*

Dec. 16. 96. Report of the Comrs of Customs, Edinburgh, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Wallace and others, of Glasgow,

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concerned in the ship Industry, of Leith, seized at an obscure place in the isle of Bute with French brandy, &c. Sir John Shaw, of Greenock, a gentleman of resolution and good interest, had accepted a commission for seizing vessels coming from France with design to run their goods, and through his endeavours the ship had been seized. Dated 16 Dec. 1707.

The petition referred to. 5½ *pages.*

[About Dec. 16.] 97. Petition of Peircy Kirke, Esq., housekeeper of Her Majesty's palace of Whitehall, to the Lord High Treasurer for the extension of a lease to 31 years, "according to the custom of the Exchequer," of a parcel of ground adjoining the bowling green in Whitehall, containing 46 feet in front and 18 in depth to the outside walls of the palace, on which he had erected a house, and that a little piece of ground and an old shed of which he had had the use might be included.

Referred 16 Dec. 1707 to the Surveyor General. 1 *page.*

Dec. 17. 98. Estimate of the quantity of wheat for 15,000 foot and of barley for 6,000 horse in Catalonia for three months or 90 days, together with the charge thereof. Dated 17 Dec. 1707.

There is a *minute* on the back that it was read on 24 Dec., and that wheat was to be provided as far as they could find shipping for it to be ready to sail with Sir John Leake, but not the barley, as it was as dear by the estimate as the wheat. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 99. Letter of D. Luis da Cunha commencing "My Lord." His intention was by no means to ask for any part of the subsidies to pay for the clothing in question, not having any orders from the King his master to take that step, and still less to interfere with the contract. The Chevalier Fornes had all the merit imaginable for that business. The exchange was in a pitiable state, being 15 per cent. difference in the intrinsic value of money, which he wished in some manner to prevent, and for which he asked assistance of his Excellency, in case he would accept his letter for the money destined in payment for the clothing. He wished that the manufactures should be taken from England, where they had received so much help, and that the nation should profit therefrom, but it should not be to the manifest ruin of Portugal. [*French.*] Dated London, 19 Dec. 1707. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 100. Letter from Lord Cornbury to the Lord High Treasurer, sending papers as to Mr Byerley's errors in his accounts. He could not prevail with Mr Byerley to state his accounts with the deputy auditor, though he had called upon him several times to do it. What his meaning was he could not tell; he would do nothing but what he pleased. He (Lord Cornbury) begged that Mr Byerley might be commanded to state his accounts every quarter, or it would be impossible to transmit them. Nothing less than the Lord Treasurer's commands would do with him. Dated New York, 20 10ber 1707.

Four other papers. 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

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Dec. 22. 101. Letter of Lord Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, sending two estimates, one by Mr Chetwynd, envoy at Turin, the other by the Comrs of Transports, which had already been laid before the Queen. Dated Whitehall, 22 Dec. 1707.

The estimates are wanting.

Minuted:—"Comrs Transports to attend this afternoon." 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 22. 102. Letter from Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him an account of all money sent to Spain, as well as what was paid on foreign bills drawn for the service there since the taking of Barcelona. Dated 22 Dec. 1707.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 103. Report of the Attorney General (Harcourt) to the Lord High Treasurer on the report of the Agents for Taxes relating to prosecutions against the collectors and inhabitants of several parishes in the county of Surrey by reason of *supers* set on them for the duties on houses, in the accounts of Nuthall and Child, late receivers general of the county. His opinion was that there was not sufficient evidence to prosecute the receivers for the receipts of Lucas, a surveyor of the duties, and that process should issue against the collectors and the several parishes, and the stop thereto should be taken off. Dated 22 Dec. 1707.

The report and eight other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 23th Janry 1707–8. Enqre if Lucas be now employd in the customes, & whether he be in circumstances to answer this debt or any pt thereof. And my Lord orders a wt for stop of process against the collrs & inhabitants till further order." 13 *pages.*

[About Dec. 22.] 104. "Mr Gregory King's [report] relating to ye funerall of Sir Cloudesley Shovell." The funerals of such great commanders at sea or land as had been buried publicly at the charge of the government since the Restoration (exclusive of several of the royal family) were only three, viz., (1) the Duke of Albemarle, buried in Westminster Abbey from Somerset House, ao 1670; (2) the Earl of Sandwich, Admiral of the Fleet, who perished at sea in the second Dutch war, ao 1672, brought from Greenwich to the painted chamber *Somerset House* (sic) by water, and buried from thence in Westminster Abbey; and (3) Sr Edw. Spragge, an Admiral of the Fleet, lost in the same second Dutch war, ao 1672, buried from the paynted chamber at Westmr in Westmr Abbey. The expense of the first estimated at 8,000*l.* or 10,000*l.*, the second 2,000*l.* or 2,500*l.* Of the third various expences in the great wardrobe are given. [Sir Cloudesley Shovel was buried 22 Dec. 1707.] 1¼ *pages.*

[About Dec. 23.] 105. Report of Mr S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the affidavit of Humphrey Roberts. The surveyor was informed that Lord Bulkeley had a salary of 40 marks per ann., as constable of the Castle of Beaumaris, and that he had taken

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much lead and timber from the castle, and used it for building on his own estate, and had carried away vast quantities of the best hewn stones for his own use, whereby the castle was impaired. The Lord Bulkeley hoped such an one as the deponent would not be believed against a person of honor, and said he would send affidavits &c., that would set the matter in a very different light, but he (the surveyor) had heard nothing from him since. Mr Owen Hughes, M.P. for Beaumaris, appeared very much alarmed at a report of his house being built of some of the materials, but averred that it was built 60 years ago by one Mr Dean, when a parliament garrison was in the castle, and offered to prove that not one stone of the castle had been used for the additions, and at the Restoration, when that garrison was withdrawn, Robert Lord Bulkeley was constable, who was succeeded by his son, Richard Lord Bulkeley, whom the present lord succeeded, and if any person made use of the materials it must have been by their order or privity in breach of the trust reposed in them, but the present constable had done the main damage. All the accounts agreed that great quantities of stone, lead, and timber had been taken away, and that a good part of them was visible to everybody in several buildings lately erected by his Lordship, and the truth of the affidavit could not be controverted. Dated 5 Dec. 1707.

The affidavit referred to.

A schedule of documents, together with the documents themselves, the first being the memorial of Richard Lord Viscount Bulkeley to the Lord High Treasurer, in reply to the above report, saying that the charges were false. The castle was begun to be built in the time of Edw. II., but never finished; the only apartment which within memory had been fit for use was finished at the expense of the Lord Bulkeley's great grandfather, who adhering to the crown in the civil wars was made a prisoner in the same apartment. If the castle had been a place of defence at all it would have been his interest to support it for his own safety. His ancestors for hundreds of years had been constables there with a fee of 40 marks per ann. The fee had always been considered honorary and not intended for the repair of the castle. Was informed that by an order in council after the Restoration all the castles in North Wales were ordered to be demolished. The castles of Flint, "Ruthland," Conway, Carnarvon, and all the others of North Wales, were more ruinous than this castle, and the materials had been frequently converted to private uses; admits that he had converted some part of the loose stones to finish a building. He had also removed the lead to the amount of several tons to prevent the castle falling down, but it was laid up in a cellar.

The last document of the set is a replication or answer to the above memorial. It would be proved that the castle was finished and made a place of defence, and that in the year 1660 it was in good repair, garrisoned with above 100 men, with a square within the inner wall sufficient to muster a regiment. The present Lord Bulkeley's grandfather in 1674 had built a ship, and had taken the guns from the castle to put on board thereof for his own use. The

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replication also controverts many assertions in the memorial referred to.

On the back of one of the papers is this minute:—"23 Decr 1707. This to be shewn to Mr Surveyor-Genll, and my lord intends to appoint a day to hear this matter." 27 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 24. 106. Report of the Attorney General (Harcourt) to the Lord High Treasurer. He had perused the draught of the intended privy seal for discharging Mr Dummer from his contract with the Postmaster General, and had no objection thereto. Dated 24 Dec. 1707.

The draught referred to. 8 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 107. Abstract of the receipts and payments of Her Majesty's customs, new and additional impositions from 25 Dec. 1706 to 25 Dec. 1707.

Also an account of bonds for the same time. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 26. 108. Memorial of Sir Thomas Littleton to the Lord [High Treasurer] for paying over to the bank 5,000*l.* land tax tallies, and for allowance of 102*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* paid for interest. Dated 26 Dec. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 30th Dec. 1707. Orderd accordingly." 1 *page.*

Dec. 29. 109. Memorial on behalf of the Duke of Newcastle (signed P. Walter) to the Lord High Treasurer for permission to kill any number not exceeding 15 brace of red deer, in addition to the 15 brace annually for which he had already Her Majesty's grant. Dated 29 Dec. 1707. ½ *page.*

Dec. 30. 110. Deed of assignment by Dalby Thomas, "of St Clement's parish, in Witch St, London," lieut. of H.M. fire-ship Hawk, as security for payment of 10*l.* 10*s.* to Samuel Brent, of Plymouth, mercer, out of his pay. Dated 30 Dec. 1707. 1 *page* (*brief size*).

[About Dec. 31.] 111. Memorial of Col. Thomas Allnut to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that he might be enabled to provide new clothing for his regiment, his last clothing having been taken by Ld Galway for his "Catalan" battalion. Referred 31 Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

[About Dec.] 112. Memorial of the officers of the forces in Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of their arrears preceding the 24th of Dec. 1707. 1 *page.*

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1. Estimates for supplies for the guards, garrisons, &c. at various times during the year 1707. 14 *pages.*

2. Reports of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer upon various matters submitted to them in connection with that

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department. These are not thought of sufficient importance to require individual description. With them are various subordinate papers of various dates during the year 1707. 78 *pages or parts of pages.*

3. Balance sheets of John Brewer, Esq., receiver general of prizes. 48 *pages or parts of pages.*

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7. Memorials of the Comm^rs of the Transport Department to the Ld High Treasurer for issue of money, &c.; the state of the debt, &c. in the same year. 8 *pages.*

8. General account of the Marquis of Miremont, lieutenant general, viz., of his receipt and expenditure in England and Holland in the affairs of the Cevennes [French Protestants], as to the pay of soldiers whom he had levied under Her Majesty's commission, &c. Memorializing the Lord Treasurer for relief. [*French.*] 4 *pages.*

9. Abstract of the valuation of the goods from Scotland since 1 May 1707, and of the computations of the customs and excise duties thereof. 1 *page.*

10. "Proposals for managing the customs in Scotland." ? About 1707. 1 *page.*

11. "Memorial anent the inland excise and foreign customs of the kingdom of Scotland." 1707. 1 *page.*

12. "Abstract of Irish reports, &c." ? 1707 or 1708. 6 *pages.*

13. Petition of Sir George Hamilton, Bart., to the Queen, praying payment of 3,000*l.* for five years pension of 600*l.* per ann. out of the Equivalent. 1 *page.*

14. The demands of sundry offices and persons for the charge of the session of parliament held before his Excellency Thomas Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in the year 1707. 2 *pages.*

15. Petition of Mr Bethune, late collector at Kerkalde, in North Britain, to the Lord High Treasurer, to be restored, or appointed to a better post. 1 *page.*

16. An account of Her Majesty's proportion of subsidies payable to the allies pursuant to the treaties for the year 1707.

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Also another paper of memoranda as to treaties for the year 1705. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

17. "List of those in the Charity Roll given in to the almoner to entitle them to the 850^{li} imprested by the Lord Treasurer to Sir David Nairne to be paid into the almoner's hands for a yeare's paym^{t} of the Charity Roll."

At the end are three other lists: (1) list of those in the Charity Roll that have appeared and are not inserted; (2) names of those left out of the Charity Roll that are in London; and (3) list of persons who have warrants and letters from Her Majesty not contained in the Charity Roll. 14 *pages.*

18. "Mem^{ll} relating to ye 15,000^{l} for ye K. of Spain, &c. for ye year 1707, and acco^{t} of 52,658 doll^{rs} 14 r^{lls} expended thereout for fortifications."

Original and translation. 5½ *pages.*

19. Report signed A. Maynwaring to the Lord High Treasurer on on abstract of payments made by the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., between 24 Dec. 1706 and 23 Dec. 1707 to the forces acting with the allies. He was of opinion that privy seals should be granted for the payments therein.

Another copy, with additional minutes in the margin. 9 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

20. Account of the forces in Spain and Portugal, anno 1707. A debtor and creditor account of their numbers. 2 *pages.*

21. "An accompt of the number of forces provided by Parliament for the service of Spain and Portugal in the year 1707." 3 *pages.*

22. An account of corn provided and other expenses in the year 1707 for the expedition to Toulon. [*French.*] 6 *pages.*

23. "An abstract of moneys advanced by his excell^{cie} the Earl of Gallway in Spain for the use of the forces there, anno 1707, according to the account thereof sent over by him, with his own remarks thereon." 3 *pages.*

24. "State of 30,800*l.* advanced for subsistence [of troops] in Scotl[and] for the year 1707." 1 *page.*

25. Papers as to money advanced for the service of his Catholic Majesty for the year 1707 by order of the Lord Peterborough. 8 *pages.*

26. Letter signed Jo. Ince to "Jno Taylor, Esq, at the Lord Treasurer's lodgings in Windsor Castle," as to the travelling charges of the convoy who went down with the money to Edinburgh.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak with Mr St John ab^{t} this.' 1 *page.*

27. Memorial from the Com^{rs} for distributing the Equivalent arising to Scotland relating to their salaries. 1 *page* (*brief size*).

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28. An estimate of the yearly income arising from the duties on low wines, hawkers and pedlars, &c., being part of the funds for the annuities purchased in the year 1707. 1 *page.*

29. Memorial concerning the invalids of the north part of Great Britain called Scotland. 1 *page.*

30. Particulars of clothing and accoutrements sent to Spain anno 1707 for the King of Spain's own troops, viz., mentioned in the instructions to Mr Vincent, the commissary.
The instructions referred to. 6 *pages.*

31. Memorial concerning the pensions of the posts and offices in Scotland whose commissions are already adjusted, or are to be adjusted at this time. ½ *page.*

32. Petition of divers merchants and owners of ships hired into Her Majesty's service for Lisbon, Jamaica, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain. ? 1707. 1¼ *pages.*

33. An account of all moneys granted by parliament for sea services, and annually issued for the same since the commencement of the war, viz., for the years 1702 to 1707. 1 *large page.*

34. Money assessed on the clerks of the Post Office by an Act for granting an aid of 4*s.* in the pound for the land tax for the year 1707, whose salaries do not exceed 60*l.* per annum; giving the names. 1 *page.*

35. A similar list for the Penny Post Office. 1 *page.*

36. Papers relating to estimated revenue of Scotland. 7 *pages.*

37. Memorial for Captain Walter Lockhart, of Kirktown, intendant of the invalids in North Britain, asking to be continued in his office, or to be provided for. ? 1707.
Also a list of officers, serjeants, and sentinels, and their rates of pay. 4 *pages.*

38. An account of the difference between Mr Gyde's charge and that of Mr Gain, agents at Jamaica for Her Majesty's ships, for the years 1702 to 1707. 1 *page.*

39. Account of Col. Robert Hunter's losses when taken by the French. Amongst the items he claims his subsistence from the day he embarked, viz., 20 May 1707, until he should be released and arrive in Virginia. 1 *page (brief size).*

40. Blank form of a "transire" for foreign goods from any port in Scotland to London or other port in England. It was to be signed by the collector or other proper officer who received the duty, and the same form served for a coast transire by land.
Minuted:—"Approved."
See *Letter Book,* Vol. 12, p. 309, as to these *transires.* 1 *page.*

41. Copy of a report of the Comrs of Excise, Scotland, suggesting more stringent regulations for the brewers distant from market

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towns. The sheriffs and other inferior magistrates, in default of the justices, might give judgment in excise matters. A discretionary power of compounding with the small isles and parishes should be given. The justices had adjudged 36 English gallons to be allowed as answering to the 12 gallons present Scots measure, which would occasion great confusion in their accounts. Ask for directions thereon. Undated, but ? 1707. 2½ *pages.*

42. Memorial of Lord Halifax, auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer for assistance for carrying out the Act for purchasing annuities, anno 1707. 1 *page.*

43. Similar memorial of the four tellers of the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer. 1 *page.*

44. Estimate of the levy money for recruiting Her Majesty's forces in Great Britain and the Low Countries. Undated, but Lieut.-General Ross was employed in the Low Countries in 1707, and the Earl of Stair in 1708. See *Thomas's Historical Notes,* Vol. 2, pp. 392 and 1,005. 3 *pages.*

45. Report of Mr How to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of Mr Bridges relating to money paid by Mr Vincent to the forces attending the expedition under the Earl of Peterborough in the year 1705. Unsigned and undated, but ? 1707. 2½ *pages.*

46. Petition of Thomas Skinner to the Lord High Treasurer for a riding officer's place, or other reward for his services, he having been employed by Mr Secretary Harley in the year 1706 to interrupt letters privately going to France, and in apprehending the Lady Burton. ? 1707 or 1708. 1 *page.*

47. Memorial of Mr Couper and Mr Turnbull to the Queen, asking, in order that the laws might be rendered plain, that two or more lawyers of North Britain might be appointed to write or publish a treatise or glossary explaining the terms used in the laws concerning the election of members of parliament, the laws and terms concerning the regulations of trade, customs, and excise in Scotland, the terms and methods of procedure in the Exchequer, and such other treatises as might be judged necessary, &c. ? About 1707 or 1708. 2 *pages.*

48. Memorial of Mr William Carmichael, "Her Majesty's solicitor in Scotland," to Earl Godolphin. He was to despatch all orders concerning the government and proclamations of council from Edinburgh over all Scotland, and had besides his pension or salary 300*l.* per ann. in times of peace allowed for such despatches, which used to be paid by advance in ready money. Of late no provision had been made for these despatches, and the solicitor was considerably in "advance;" praying that money might be ordered. ? 1707 or 1708. Carmichael is spoken of in Aug. 1709 as late Solicitor General. See *North Britain Book,* Vol. 2, p. 89. 1 *page.*

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49. A draft of a Treasury minute or proposal of some one in authority respecting the office of Intendant of Invalids, which it was thought by the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland should be continued, and as to the renewal of the commission of that officer, the manner he was to account, and the moneys to be paid him by Mr Howe or the paymaster general of Great Britain for the time being, and under what restrictions. ? About 1707 or 1708. 1 *page.*

50. Draft of a letter of the Queen reciting the tenor of a privy seal dated 22 Dec. 1704, and ordaining by the advice and consent of James, Earl of Seafield, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Scotland, John Smith and John Scrope, Esqres, "Mr Alexander Maitland of Pitrichie, and Mr John Clerk, yeoman, of Pennicook, Esqres," Barons of the said Exchequer, that in consideration of the good services rended by Sir Wm Sharp and the deceased, James Archbp of St Andrews, his father, and uncle Sir Willm Sharp of Stoniehill, not only shall the said pension of 300*l.* as granted by the said privy seal be continued and secured to Sir Wm Sharp and James his son, but that a further sum of 100*l.* yearly be added thereto for the education of the said James, commencing Whitsunday 1707, to continue until the death of either of them, when the pension is to return to the original grant of 300*l.* A letter was also to be passed under the privy seal of Scotland ratifying the same. ? About 1707. 1 *large page.*

51. Petition of the Sergeants-at-Arms attending Her Majesty, to the Lord Treasurer, praying for the payment of their salaries, which were in great arrear.

[There is a warrant for the salary of Mr Charnock, who was one of their "Society," in the *Money Book,* Vol. 18, p. 418, 4 Feb. 1706–7.] ½ *page.*

52. Petition of Mary Boitout, widow, to the Queen. Lucas Boitout her husband had served 18 years as engineer in Ireland and Flanders, and in Portugal and Spain, when he was made captain by the Earl of Galway, and where in the last summer he lost his life, having some time before lost all his equipage in going from Coria, which he was left to fortify; praying for maintenance for herself and three children. ? 1707 or 1708. 1 *page.*

53. Petition of Isaac Crocker to the Lord High Treasurer (Godolphin), for payment of his charges (10*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*) laid out about Her Majesty's swans, preserving them from the ice, &c. "this hard winter." Between 1707 and 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

54. Petition of the six heralds and six pursuivants in Scotland to Earl Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer, shewing that they had formerly received the fees therein specified, when dignities were conferred and a small salary in addition; but by the union they had lost those fees, and their salaries were in arrear for several years; praying for relief until some addition was made to their "mean salaries." In or after 1707. 1 *page.*

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55. Memorial in behalf of the heritors and others in the islands of Orkney and Zetland, addressed to Sidney, Earl of Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer, shewing that the great expense of paying the "cess" quarterly as the Act of Parliament directs, will lie very heavy on the subjects there, and will amount to near one half more than the cess comes to, in freighting boats and despatching expresses that must necessarily be sent with it; praying his Lordship to allow it to be paid yearly as was formerly practiced. [Probably between 1707 and 1710.] 1 *page.*

56. Petition of George Lord Mordington to the Earl of Godolphin, Lord Treasurer, shewing that he cannot obtain his liberty by his privilege as a peer, but must lie in prison till he pays the debt, begging his Lordship to inform Her Majesty, and lay before her his petition, which had been previously presented to the said Lord Treasurer. [Between 1707 and 1710.] 1 *page, quarto.*

57. Memorial of Col^l Heyman Rooke. The contracts for clothing his regiment were made since Genl Churchill went abroad. The regiment had orders to march immediately. The clothiers insisted that the clothing should be viewed by the controllers, and the controllers declined to view as the general had not first approved, praying that the regiment might be enabled to perform the Queen's command. [? Between 1707 and 1710.] 1 *page.*

58. Petition of Alexander Carleton, addressed to the Lord Treasurer (Godolphin), shewing that in right of his wife, who was the widow and sole executrix of William Bache, master smith to the late King William, he had divers large sums owing to him for brass and iron works, that the said Bache died much indebted, and that his creditors with vexatious lawsuits quite ruined the petitioner, having seized his estate, and for the last four years received the profits of it towards the payment of their debts; that some other of Bache's creditors put the petitioner in gaol about four years ago, where he was kept close prisoner for nine months, and since his enlargement he had had several ill fits of sickness, and from 5 Oct. last till Christmas-day he was confined to his room grievously afflicted with stone, gravel, and rheumatism, and during that time he neither tasted one drop of wine nor malt drink, "and only drunk a wood dyet drink," &c.; praying his Lordship would order him some small part, tho' never so little, of his great debt for subsistence. Signed A. Carleton. Between 1707 and 1710. 1 *page.*

59. Two proposals offered to Parliament: (1.) for raising 100,000*l.* for one year, and 30,000*l.* per ann., afterwards upon a general register of coats of arms; (2.) for raising 50,000*l.* per ann. for stamping cauls for periwigs at a 1*s.* stamp upon every bob wig and 5*s.* stamp upon all other forms, as "campaign, long," &c." Between 1707 and 1714. 3 *pages.*

60. Petition of Samuel Grey, Esq., to the Queen praying payment of his salary as a Commissioner of the Revenue in Ireland

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from the death of Mr Harrison, as he was put to great expense in removing to Dublin. Between 1707 and 1714. 1 *page.*

61. Letter from Thomas Herbert to William Lowndes, Esqre. He had brought Mr Lowndes a letter from Mr White, of Bow, to offer a very reasonable and proper fund to pay off the registered seamen who were petitioning the House of Commons. Between 1707 and 1714.

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3. LIVES OF EDWARD THE CONFESSOR. I.—La Estoire de Seint Aedward le Rei. II.—Vita Beati Edvardi Regis et Confessoris. III.—Vita Æduuardi Regis qui apud Westmonasterium requiescit. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1858.

The first is a poem in Norman French, containing 4,686 lines, addressed to Alianor, Queen of Henry III., and probably written in the year 1245, on the occasion of the restoration of the church of Westminster. Nothing is known of the author. The second is an anonymous poem, containing 536 lines, written between the years 1440 and 1450, by command of Henry VI., to whom it is dedicated. It does not throw any new light on the reign of Edward the Confessor, but is valuable as a specimen of the Latin poetry of the time. The third, also by an anonymous author, was apparently written for Queen Edith, between the years 1066 and 1074, during the pressure of the suffering brought on the Saxons by the Norman conquest. It notices many facts not found in other writers, and some which differ considerably from the usual accounts.

4. MONUMENTA FRANCISCANA; scilicet, I.—Thomas de Eccleston de Adventu Fratrum Minorum in Angliam. II.—Adæ de Marisco Epistolæ. III.—Registrum Fratrum Minorum Londoniæ. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1858.

This volume contains original materials for the history of the settlement of the order of Saint Francis in England, the letters of Adam de Marisco, and other papers connected with the foundation and diffusion of this great body. It has been the aim of the editor to collect whatever historical information could be found in this country, towards illustrating a period of the national history for which only scanty materials exist. None of these have been before printed.

5. FASCICULI ZIZANIORUM MAGISTRI JOHANNIS WYCLIF CUM TRITICO. Ascribed to THOMAS NETTER, of WALDEN, Provincial of the Carmelite Order in England, and Confessor to King Henry the Fifth. *Edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, M.A., Tutor and late Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. 1858.

This work derives its principal value from being the only contemporaneous account of the rise of the Lollards. When written, the disputes of the school-

men had been extended to the field of theology and they appear both in the writings of Wycliff and in those of his adversaries. Wycliff's little bundles of tares are not less metaphysical than theological, and the conflict between Nominalists and Realists rages side by side with the conflict between the different interpreters of Scripture. The work gives a good idea of the controversies at the end of the 14th and the beginning of the 15th centuries.

6. THE BUIK OF THE CRONICLIS OF SCOTLAND ; or, A Metrical Version of the History of Hector Boece ; by WILLIAM STEWART. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. B. TURNBULL, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. 1858.

This is a metrical translation of a Latin Prose Chronicle, and was written in the first half of the 16th century. The narrative begins with the earliest legends, and ends with the death of James I. of Scotland, and the "evil ending of the traitors that slew him." Strict accuracy of statement is not to be looked for in such a work as this ; but the stories of the colonization of Spain, Ireland, and Scotland are interesting if not true ; and the chronicle is valuable as a reflection of the manners, sentiments, and character of the age in which it was composed. The peculiarities of the Scottish dialect are well illustrated in this metrical version, and the student of language will find ample materials for comparison with the English dialects of the same period, and with modern lowland Scotch.

7. JOHANNIS CAPGRAVE LIBER DE ILLUSTRIBUS HENRICIS. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

This work is dedicated to Henry VI. of England, who appears to have been, in the author's estimation, the greatest of all the Henries. It is divided into three distinct parts, each having its own separate dedication. The first part relates only to the history of the Empire, and extends from the election of Henry I., the Fowler, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Henry VI. The second part is devoted to English history, and extends from the accession of Henry I. in the year 1100, to the year 1446, which was the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry VI. The third part contains the lives of illustrious men who have borne the name of Henry in various parts of the world.

Capgrave was born in 1393, in the reign of Richard II., and lived during the Wars of the Roses, for the history of which period his work is of some value.

8. HISTORIA MONASTERII S. AUGUSTINI CANTUARIENSIS, by THOMAS OF ELMHAM, formerly Monk and Treasurer of that Foundation. *Edited by* CHARLES HARDWICK, M.A., Fellow of St. Catharine's Hall, and Christian Advocate in the University of Cambridge. 1858.

This history extends from the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent until 1191. Prefixed is a chronology as far as 1418, which shows in outline what was to have been the character of the work when completed. The only copy known is in the possession of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The author was connected with Norfolk, and most probably with Elmham, whence he derived his name.

9. EULOGIUM (HISTORIARUM SIVE TEMPORIS) : Chronicon ab Orbe condito usque ad Annum Domini 1366 ; a Monacho quodam Malmesbiriensi exaratum. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* F. S. HAYDON, Esq., B.A. 1858–1863.

This is a Latin Chronicle extending from the Creation to the latter part of the reign of Edward III., and written by a monk of the Abbey of Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, about the year 1367. A continuation, carrying the history of England down to the year 1413, was added in the former half of the fifteenth century by an author whose name is not known. The original Chronicle is divided into five books, and contains a history of the world generally, but more especially

of England to the year 1366. The continuation extends the history down to the coronation of Henry V. The Eulogium itself is chiefly valuable as containing a history, by a contemporary, of the period between 1356 and 1366. The notices of events appear to have been written very soon after their occurrence. Among other interesting matter, the Chronicle contains a diary of the Poitiers campaign, evidently furnished by some person who accompanied the army of the Black Prince. The continuation of the Chronicle is also the work of a contemporary, and gives a very interesting account of the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV. It is believed to be the earliest authority for the statement that the latter monarch died in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster.

10. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE SEVENTH: Bernardi Andreæ Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1858.

The contents of this volume are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies on which he was sent by Henry VII. to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in the year 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Other documents of interest in connexion with the period are given in an appendix.

11. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE FIFTH. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. *Edited by* CHARLES A. COLE, Esq. 1858.

This volume contains three treatises which more or less illustrate the history of the reign of Henry V., viz.: A Life by Robert Redman; a Metrical Chronicle by Thomas Elmham, prior of Lenton, a contemporary author; Versus Rhythmici, written apparently by a monk of Westminster Abbey, who was also a contemporary of Henry V. These works are printed for the first time.

12. MUNIMENTA GILDHALLÆ LONDONIENSIS; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III., Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The manuscript of the *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, a large folio volume, is preserved in the Record Room of the City of London. It gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and early part of the fifteenth centuries.

The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled probably by various hands in the early part of the fourteenth century during the reign of Edward II. The manuscript, a folio volume, is also preserved in the Record Room of the City of London, though some portion in its original state, borrowed from the City in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and never returned, forms part of the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II. in the British Museum. It also gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the twelfth, thirteenth, and early part of the fourteenth centuries.

13. CHRONICA JOHANNIS DE OXENEDES. *Edited by* Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in England in the year 449, yet it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and

comes down to the year 1292, where it ends abruptly. The history is particularly valuable for notices of events in the eastern portions of the kingdom, which are not to be elsewhere obtained, and some curious facts are mentioned relative to the floods in that part of England, which are confirmed in the Friesland Chronicle of Anthony Heinrich, pastor of the Island of Mohr.

14. A Collection of Political Poems and Songs relating to English History, from the Accession of Edward III. to the Reign of Henry VIII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1859–1861.

These Poems are perhaps the most interesting of all the historical writings of the period, though they cannot be relied on for accuracy of statement. They are various in character; some are upon religious subjects, some may be called satires, and some give no more than a court scandal; but as a whole they present a very fair picture of society, and of the relations of the different classes to one another. The period comprised is in itself interesting, and brings us, through the decline of the feudal system, to the beginning of our modern history. The songs in old English are of considerable value to the philologist.

15. The "Opus Tertium," "Opus Minus," &c., of Roger Bacon. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

This is the celebrated treatise—never before printed—so frequently referred to by the great philosopher in his works. It contains the fullest details we possess of the life and labours of Roger Bacon: also a fragment by the same author, supposed to be unique, the "*Compendium Studii Theologiæ.*"

16. Bartholomæi de Cotton, Monachi Norwicensis, Historia Anglicana; 449–1298: necnon ejusdem Liber de Archiepiscopis et Episcopis Angliæ. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1859.

The author, a monk of Norwich, has here given us a Chronicle of England from the arrival of the Saxons in 449 to the year 1298, in or about which year it appears that he died. The latter portion of this history (the whole of the reign of Edward I. more especially) is of great value, as the writer was contemporary with the events which he records. An Appendix contains several illustrative documents connected with the previous narrative.

17. Brut y Tywysogion; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

This work, also known as "The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales," has been attributed to Caradoc of Llancarvan, who flourished about the middle of the twelfth century. It is written in the ancient Welsh language, begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. A Collection of Royal and Historical Letters during the Reign of Henry IV. 1399–1404. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

This volume, like all the others in the series containing a miscellaneous selection of letters, is valuable on account of the light it throws upon biographical history, and the familiar view it presents of characters, manners, and events. The period requires much elucidation; to which it will materially contribute.

19. The Repressor of over much Blaming of the Clergy. By Reginald Pecock, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Churchill Babington, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature can boast. The author was born

about the end of the fourteenth century, consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. While Bishop of St. Asaph, he zealously defended his brother prelates from the attacks of those who censured the bishops for their neglect of duty. He maintained that it was no part of a bishop's functions to appear in the pulpit, and that his time might be more profitably spent, and his dignity better maintained, in the performance of works of a higher character. Among those who thought differently were the Lollards, and against their general doctrines the "Repressor" is directed. Pecock took up a position midway between that of the Roman Church and that of the modern Anglican Church; but his work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards and of the arguments by which they were supported, and because it assists us to ascertain the state of feeling which ultimately led to the Reformation. Apart from religious matters, the light thrown upon contemporaneous history is very small, but the "Repressor" has great value for the philologist, as it tells us what were the characteristics of the language in use among the cultivated Englishmen of the fifteenth century. Pecock, though an opponent of the Lollards, showed a certain spirit of toleration, for which he received, towards the end of his life, the usual mediæval reward—persecution.

20. Annales Cambriæ. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commence in the year 447, and come down to the year 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle, which was also used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain, the earliest direct concurrence with English history is relative to the mission of Augustine. Its notices throughout though brief, are valuable. The annals were probably written at St. Davids, by Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, the most learned man in his day in all Cymru.

21. The Works of Giraldus Cambrensis. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V. and VI. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1861–1873.

These volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, and attempted to re-establish the independence of Wales by restoring the see of St. Davids to its ancient primacy. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable chiefly for the racy and original anecdotes which they contain relating to contemporaries. He is the only Welsh writer of any importance who has contributed so much to the mediæval literature of this country, or assumed, in consequence of his nationality, so free and independent a tone. His frequent travels in Italy, in France, in Ireland, and in Wales, gave him opportunities for observation which did not generally fall to the lot of mediæval writers in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and of these observations Giraldus has made due use. Only extracts from these treatises have been printed before, and almost all of them are taken from unique manuscripts.

The Topographia Hibernica (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland. The first in the year 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. Curious as this treatise is, Mr. Dimock is of opinion that it ought not to be accepted as sober truthful history, for Giraldus himself states that truth was not his main object, and that he compiled the work for the purpose of sounding the praises of Henry the Second. Elsewhere, however, he declares that he had stated nothing in the Topographia of the truth of which he was not well assured, either by his own eyesight or by the testimony, with all diligence elicited, of the most trustworthy and authentic men in the country; that though he did not put just the same full faith in their reports as in what he had himself seen, yet, as they only related what they had themselves seen, he could not but believe such credible witnesses. A very interesting portion of this treatise is devoted to the animals of Ireland. It shows that he was a very accurate and acute observer, and his descriptions are given in a way that a scientific naturalist of the present day could hardly improve upon. The Expugnatio Hibernica was written about the year 1188 and may be regarded rather

as a great epic than a sober relation of acts occurring in his own days. No one can peruse it without coming to the conclusion that it is rather a poetical fiction than a prosaic truthful history.

Vol. VI. contains the Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ.

22. LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE WARS OF THE ENGLISH IN FRANCE DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY THE SIXTH, KING OF ENGLAND. Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861–1864.

The letters and papers contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from originals or contemporary copies extant in the Bibliothèque Impériale, and the Depôt des Archives, in Paris. They illustrate the line of policy adopted by John Duke of Bedford and his successors during their government of Normandy, and such other provinces of France as had been acquired by Henry V. We may here trace, step by step, the gradual declension of the English power, until we are prepared to read of its final overthrow.

23. THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE, ACCORDING TO THE SEVERAL ORIGINAL AUTHORITIES. Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* BENJAMIN THORPE, Esq., Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

This Chronicle, extending from the earliest history of Britain to the year 1154, is justly the boast of England; for no other nation can produce any history, written in its own vernacular, at all approaching it, either in antiquity, truthfulness, or extent, the historical books of the Bible alone excepted. There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography, whether arising from locality or age.

24. LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGNS OF RICHARD III. AND HENRY VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1861–1863.

The Papers are derived from MSS. in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and other repositories. The period to which they refer is unusually destitute of chronicles and other sources of historical information, so that the light obtained from these documents is of special importance. The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III.; correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. LETTERS OF BISHOP GROSSETESTE, illustrative of the Social Condition of his Time. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The Letters of Robert Grosseteste (131 in number) are here collected from various sources, and a large portion of them is printed for the first time. They range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II.; 1066–1200. Vol. III.; 1200–1327. *By* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1862–1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not

under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. This arrangement has two advantages; the materials for any given period may be seen at a glance; and if the reader knows the time when an author wrote, and the number of years that had elapsed between the date of the events and the time the writer flourished, he will generally be enabled to form a fair estimate of the comparative value of the narrative itself. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which the original portions are distinguished from those which are mere compilations. When possible, the sources are indicated from which such compilations have been derived. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice has also been given of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. ROYAL AND OTHER HISTORICAL LETTERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGN OF HENRY III. Vol. I., 1216–1235. Vol. II., 1236–1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, D.D., Regius Professor in Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862–1866.

The letters contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from the ancient correspondence formerly in the Tower of London, and now in the Public Record Office. They illustrate the political history of England during the growth of its liberties, and throw considerable light upon the personal history of Simon de Montfort. The affairs of France form the subject of many of them, especially in regard to the province of Gascony. The entire collection consists of nearly 700 documents, the greater portion of which is printed for the first time.

28. CHRONICA MONASTERII S. ALBANI.—1. THOMÆ WALSINGHAM HISTORIA ANGLICANA; Vol. I., 1272–1381: Vol. II., 1381–1422. 2. WILLELMI RISHANGER CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259–1307. 3. JOHANNIS DE TROKELOWE ET HENRICI DE BLANEFORDE CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259–1296; 1307–1324; 1392–1406. 4. GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, A THOMA WALSINGHAM, REGNANTE RICARDO SECUNDO, EJUSDEM ECCLESIÆ PRÆCENTORE, COMPILATA; Vol. I., 793–1290: Vol. II., 1290–1349: Vol. III., 1349–1411. 5. JOHANNIS AMUNDESHAM, MONACHI MONASTERII S. ALBANI, UT VIDETUR, ANNALES; Vols. I. and II. 6. REGISTRA QUORUNDAM ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, QUI SÆCULO XV^mo^ FLORUERE; Vol. I., REGISTRUM ABBATIÆ JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, ITERUM SUSCEPTÆ; ROBERTO BLAKENEY, CAPELLANO, QUONDAM ADSCRIPTUM: Vol. II., REGISTRA JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, WILLELMI ALBON, ET WILLELMI WALINGFORDE, ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, CUM APPENDICE, CONTINENTE QUASDAM EPISTOLAS, A JOHANNE WHETHAMSTEDE CONSCRIPTAS. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Cambridge and Oxford; and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1873.

In the first two volumes is a history of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., written by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans and prior of the cell of Wymundham, belonging to that abbey. It is printed from MS. VII. in the Arundel Collection in the College of Arms, London, a manuscript of the fifteenth century, collated with MS. 13 E. IX. in the King's Library in the British Museum, and MS. VII. in the Parker Collection of Manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the third volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, monk of Saint Albans, who lived in the reign of Edward I., printed from the Cottonian Manuscript, Faustina B. IX. (of the fourteenth century) in the British Museum, collated with MS. 14 C. VII. (fols. 219–231) in the King's Library, British Museum, and the Cottonian Manuscript, Claudius E. III., fols. 306–331: Also an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol by Edward I., 1291–1292, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., attributed to William Rishanger above mentioned, but on no sufficient ground: A short Chronicle of English History,

from 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A short Chronicle from 1297 to 1307, Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi Regis Angliæ, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library, and MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., with an addition of Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1299, 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1295 to 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: and a fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1285 to 1307, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library.

In the fourth volume is a Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer, 1259 to 1296, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe a monk of St. Albans, from MS. Cotton, Claudius D. VI.: A continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henricus de Blaneforde, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A full Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer of St. Albans, 1392 to 1406, from MS. VII. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; and an account of the benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the fifteenth century, from MS. VI. in the same Library.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, and of the fortunes and vicissitudes of the house, from 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of the Abbey in the reign of Richard II.; from MS. Cotton. Claudius E. IV., in the British Museum; with a Continuation, from the closing pages of the Parker MS. No. VII., in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

The eighth and ninth volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably written by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The tenth and eleventh volumes relate especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbots Whethamstede, Albon, and Wallingford, and may be considered as a memorial of the chief historical and domestic events occurring during those periods.

29. Chronicon Abbatiæ Eveshamensis, Auctoribus Dominico Priore Eveshamiæ et Thoma de Marleberge Abbate, a Fundatione ad Annum 1213, una cum Continuatione ad Annum 1418. *Edited by* the Rev. W. D. Macray, M.A., Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from its foundation by Egwin, about 690, to the year 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey, such as but rarely has been recorded. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history which will be read with much interest. This work exists in a single MS., and is for the first time printed.

30. Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ. Vol. I., 447–871. Vol. II., 872–1066. *Edited by* John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863–1869.

The compiler, Richard of Cirencester, was a monk of Westminster, 1355–1400. In 1391 he obtained a licence to make a pilgrimage to Rome. His history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. He announces his intention of continuing it, but there is no evidence that he completed any more. This chronicle gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book iii. c. 3. It was on this author that C. J. Bertram fathered his forgery, *De Situ Brittaniæ*, in 1747.

31. Year Books of the Reign of Edward the First. Years 20–21, 21–22, 30–31, and 32–33. *Edited and translated by* Alfred John Horwood, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1873.

The volumes known as the "Year Books" contain reports in Norman-French of cases argued and decided in the Courts of Common Law. They may be considered to a great extent as the "lex non scripta" of England, and have been held in the highest veneration by the ancient sages of the law, and were received by them as the repositories of the first recorded judgments and dicta of the great

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legal luminaries of past ages. They are also worthy of the attention of the general reader on account of the historical information and the notices of public and private persons which they contain, as well as the light which they throw on ancient manners and customs.

32. NARRATIVES OF THE EXPULSION OF THE ENGLISH FROM NORMANDY, 1449–1450.—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conferences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited, from MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham. 1863.

This volume contains the narrative of an eye-witness who details with considerable power and minuteness the circumstances which attended the final expulsion of the English from Normandy in the year 1450. The history commences with the infringement of the truce by the capture of Fougères, and ends with the battle of Formigny and the embarkation of the Duke of Somerset. The whole period embraced is less than two years.

33. HISTORIA ET CARTULARIUM MONASTERII S. PETRI GLOUCESTRIÆ. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. H. HART, Esq., F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863–1867.

This work consists of two parts, the History and the Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Peter, Gloucester. The history furnishes an account of the monastery from its foundation, in the year 681, to the early part of the reign of Richard II., together with a calendar of donations and benefactions. It treats principally of the affairs of the monastery, but occasionally matters of general history are introduced. Its authorship has generally been assigned to Walter Froucester, the twentieth abbot, but without any foundation.

34. ALEXANDRI NECKAM DE NATURIS RERUM LIBRI DUO; with NECKAM'S POEM, DE LAUDIBUS DIVINÆ SAPIENTIÆ. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1863.

Neckam was a man who devoted himself to science, such as it was in the twelfth century. In the "De Naturis Rerum" are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam was not thought infallible, even by his contemporaries, for Roger Bacon remarks of him, "this Alexander in many things wrote what was true and useful; "but he neither can nor ought by just title to be reckoned among authorities." Neckam, however, had sufficient independence of thought to differ from some of the schoolmen who in his time considered themselves the only judges of literature. He had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century. The poem entitled "De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ" appears to be a metrical paraphrase or abridgment of the "De Naturis Rerum." It is written in the elegiac metre; and though there are many lines which violate classical rules, it is, as a whole, above the ordinary standard of mediæval Latin.

35. LEECHDOMS, WORTCUNNING, AND STARCRAFT OF EARLY ENGLAND; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by* the Rev. T. OSWALD COCKAYNE, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1864–1866.

This work illustrates not only the history of science, but the history of superstition. In addition to the information bearing directly upon the medical skill and medical faith of the times, there are many passages which incidentally throw light upon the general mode of life and ordinary diet. The volumes are interesting not only in their scientific, but also in their social aspect. The manuscripts from which they have been printed are valuable to the Anglo-Saxon scholar for the illustrations they afford of Anglo-Saxon orthography.

36. Annales Monastici. Vol. I. :—Annales de Margan, 1066–1232; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263. Vol. II. :—Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291. Vol. III. :—Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297; Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042–1432. Vol. IV. :—Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016–1347; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066–1289; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1–1377. Vol. V. :—Index and Glossary. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registrary of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1869.

The present collection of Monastic Annals embraces all the more important chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432, although they refer more especially to the reigns of John, Henry III., and Edward I. Some of these narratives have already appeared in print, but others are printed for the first time.

37. Magna Vita S. Hugonis Episcopi Lincolniensis. From Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Imperial Library, Paris. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work contains a number of very curious and interesting incidents, and, being the work of a contemporary, is very valuable, not only as a truthful biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic, but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs. The author, in all probability, was Adam Abbot of Evesham. He was domestic chaplain and private confessor of Bishop Hugh, and in these capacities was admitted to the closest intimacy. Bishop Hugh was Prior of Witham for 11 years before he became Bishop of Lincoln. His consecration took place on the 21st September 1186; he died on the 16th of November 1200; and was canonized in 1220.

38. Chronicles and Memorials of the Reign of Richard the First. Vol. I. :—Itinerarium Peregrinorum et Gesta Regis Ricardi. Vol. II. :—Epistolæ Cantuarienses; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury; 1187 to 1199. *Edited by* William Stubbs, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London. The narrative extends from 1187 to 1199; but its chief interest consists in the minute and authentic narrative which it furnishes of the exploits of Richard I., from his departure from England in December 1189 to his death in 1199. The author states in his prologue that he was an eye-witness of much that he records; and various incidental circumstances which occur in the course of the narrative confirm this assertion.

The letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, are of value as furnishing authentic materials for the history of the ecclesiastical condition of England during the reign of Richard I. They had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury, who saw in it a design to supplant them in their function of metropolitan chapter. These letters are printed, for the first time, from a MS. belonging to the archiepiscopal library at Lambeth.

39. Recueil des Croniques et anchiennes Istories de la Grant Bretaigne a present nomme Engleterre, par Jehan de Waurin. Vol. I.,

Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. *Edited by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864–1868.

40. A COLLECTION OF THE CHRONICLES AND ANCIENT HISTORIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW CALLED ENGLAND, by JOHN DE WAVRIN. Albina to 688. (Translation of the preceding Vol. I.) *Edited and translated by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864.

This curious chronicle extends from the fabulous period of history down to the return of Edward IV. to England in the year 1471, after the second deposition of Henry VI. The manuscript from which the text of the work is taken is preserved in the Imperial Library at Paris, and is believed to be the only complete and nearly contemporary copy in existence. The work, as originally bound, was comprised in six volumes, since rebound in morocco in 12 volumes, folio maximo, vellum, and is illustrated with exquisite miniatures, vignettes, and initial letters. It was written towards the end of the fifteenth century, having been expressly executed for Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, from whose cabinet it passed into the library of Louis XII. at Blois.

41. POLYCHRONICON RANULPHI HIGDEN, with Trevisa's Translation. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. Vols. III. and IV. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH RAWSON LUMBY, M.A., late Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 1865–1872.

This is one of the many mediæval chronicles which assume the character of a history of the world. It begins with the creation, and is brought down to the author's own time, the reign of Edward III. Prefixed to the historical portion, is a chapter devoted to geography, in which is given a description of every known land. To say that the Polychronicon was written in the fourteenth century is to say that it is not free from inaccuracies. It has, however, a value apart from its intrinsic merits. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth. The differences between Trevisa's version and that of the unknown writer are often considerable.

42. LE LIVERE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVERE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE. *Edited by* JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises, though they cannot rank as independent narratives, are nevertheless valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians, especially "Le Livere de Reis de Engletere." Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonized French.

It is supposed that Peter of Ickham must have been the author, but no certain conclusion on that point has been arrived at.

43. CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA, AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Esq., Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is both curious and valuable. It is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country. In addition to the private affairs of the monastery, some light is thrown upon the public events of the time, which are however kept distinct, and appear at the end of the history of each abbot's administration. The text has been printed from what is said to be the autograph of the original compiler, Thomas de Burton, the nineteenth abbot.

44. MATTHÆI PARISIENSIS HISTORIA ANGLORUM, SIVE, UT VULGO DICITUR, HISTORIA MINOR. Vols. I., II., and III. 1067–1253. *Edited by* Sir FREDERIC MADDEN, K.H., Keeper of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1866–1869.

The exact date at which this work was written is, according to the chronicler, 1250. The history is of considerable value as an illustration of the period during which the author lived, and contains a good summary of the events which followed the Conquest. This minor chronicle is, however, based on another work (also written by Matthew Paris) giving fuller details, which has been called the "Historia Major." The chronicle here published, nevertheless, gives some information not to be found in the greater history.

45. LIBER MONASTERII DE HYDA: A CHRONICLE AND CHARTULARY OF HYDE ABBEY, WINCHESTER, 455–1023. *Edited, from a Manuscript in the Library of the Earl of Macclesfield, by* EDWARD EDWARDS, Esq. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources, which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify—either from tradition or from sources of information not now discoverable—the statements, which, in substance, he adopts. He also mentions, and frequently quotes from writers whose works are either entirely lost or at present known only by fragments. There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and Mediæval English.

46. CHRONICON SCOTORUM: A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, from the EARLIEST TIMES to 1135; with a SUPPLEMENT, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. *Edited, with a Translation, by* WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1866.

There is, in this volume, a legendary account of the peopling of Ireland and of the adventures which befell the various heroes who are said to have been connected with Irish history. The details are, however, very meagre both for this period and for the time when history becomes more authentic. The plan adopted in the chronicle gives the appearance of an accuracy to which the earlier portions of the work cannot have any claim. The succession of events is marked, year by year, from A.M. 1599 to A.D. 1150. The principal events narrated in the later portion of the work are, the invasions of foreigners, and the wars of the Irish among themselves. The text has been printed from a MS. preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, written partly in Latin, partly in Irish.

47. THE CHRONICLE OF PIERRE DE LANGTOFT, IN FRENCH VERSE, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD I. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1866–1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and that he lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum," in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, down to the death of Henry III. and in the third a history of the reign of Edward I. The principal object of the work was apparently to show the justice of Edward's Scottish wars. The language is singularly corrupt, and a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire

48. THE WAR OF THE GAEDHIL WITH THE GAILL, or, THE INVASIONS OF IRELAND BY THE DANES AND OTHER NORSEMEN. *Edited, with a Translation, by* JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University. Dublin. 1867.

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an undoubtedly ancient original. That it was compiled from contemporary materials has been proved by curious incidental evidence. It is stated in

the account given of the battle of Clontarf that the full tide in Dublin Bay on the day of the battle (23 April 1014) coincided with sunrise; and that the returning tide in the evening aided considerably in the defeat of the Danes. The fact has been verified by astronomical calculations, and the inference is that the author of the chronicle, if not himself an eye-witness, must have derived his information from those who were eye-witnesses. The contents of the work are sufficiently described in its title. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas, with poems and fragments of poems introduced into the prose narrative.

49. GESTA REGIS HENRICI SECUNDI BENEDICTI ABBATIS. THE CHRONICLE OF THE REIGNS OF HENRY II. AND RICHARD I., 1169–1192; known under the name of BENEDICT OF PETERBOROUGH. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford, and Lambeth Librarian. 1867.

This chronicle of the reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., known commonly under the name of Benedict of Peterborough, is one of the best existing specimens of a class of historical compositions of the first importance to the student.

50. MUNIMENTA ACADEMICA, OR, DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATIVE OF ACADEMICAL LIFE AND STUDIES AT OXFORD (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. HENRY ANSTEY, M.A., Vicar of St. Wendron, Cornwall, and lately Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford. 1868.

This work will supply materials for a History of Academical Life and Studies in the University of Oxford during the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries.

51. CHRONICA MAGISTRI ROGERI DE HOUEDENE. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1868–1871.

This work has long been justly celebrated, but not thoroughly understood until Mr. Stubbs' edition. The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little, and not always judiciously. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49); but it is not a copy, being sometimes an abridgment, at others a paraphrase; occasionally the two works entirely agree; showing that both writers had access to the same materials, but dealt with them differently. From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work: it is extremely valuable, and an authority of the first importance.

52. WILLELMI MALMESBIRIENSIS MONACHI DE GESTIS PONTIFICUM ANGLORUM LIBRI QUINQUE. *Edited, from William of Malmesbury's Autograph MS., by* N. E. S. A. HAMILTON, Esq., of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1870.

William of Malmesbury's "Gesta Pontificum" is the principal foundation of English Ecclesiastical Biography, down to the year 1122. The manuscript which has been followed in this Edition is supposed by Mr. Hamilton to be the author's autograph, containing his latest additions and amendments.

53. HISTORIC AND MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS OF IRELAND, FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, &c. 1172–1320. *Edited by* JOHN T. GILBERT, Esq., F.S.A., Secretary of the Public Record Office of Ireland. 1870.

A collection of original documents, elucidating mainly the history and condition of the municipal, middle, and trading classes under or in relation with the rule of England in Ireland,—a subject hitherto in almost total obscurity. Extending over the first hundred and fifty years of the Anglo-Norman settlement, the series includes charters, municipal laws and regulations, rolls of names of citizens and members of merchant-guilds, lists of commodities with their rates, correspondence, illustrations of relations between ecclesiastics and laity; together with many documents exhibiting the state of Ireland during the presence there of the Scots under Robert and Edward Bruce.

54. THE ANNALS OF LOCH CÉ. A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, FROM 1014 to 1590. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, with a Translation, by* WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1871.

The original of this chronicle has passed under various names. The title of "Annals of Loch Cé" was given to it by Professor O'Curry, on the ground that it was transcribed for Brian Mac Dermot, an Irish chieftain, who resided on an island in Loch Cé, in the county of Roscommon. It adds much to the materials for the civil and ecclesiastical history of Ireland; and contains many curious references to English and foreign affairs, not noticed in any other chronicle.

55. MONUMENTA JURIDICA. THE BLACK BOOK OF THE ADMIRALTY, WITH APPENDICES. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* SIR TRAVERS TWISS, Q.C., D.C.L. 1871–1874.

This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy, and was probably compiled for the use of the Lord High Admiral of England. Selden calls it the "jewel of the Admiralty Records." Prynne ascribes to the Black Book the same authority in the Admiralty as the Black and Red Books have in the Court of Exchequer, and most English writers on maritime law recognize its importance.

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These curious volumes, which are of a very miscellaneous character, were, in all probability, compiled under the immediate direction of Bekynton, and commenced before he had attained to the dignity of the Episcopate. They contain many of the Bishop's own letters, and several written by him in the King's name. Besides these, there are letters sent to himself while he was the Royal Secretary, as well as others addressed to the King. This work will elucidate some obscure points in the history of the nation during the first half of the fifteenth century.

57. MATTHÆI PARISIENSIS, MONACHI SANCTI ALBANI, CHRONICA MAJORA. Vol. I. The Creation to A.D. 1066. Vol. II. A.D. 1067 to A.D. 1216. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Registrary of the University, and Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. 1872–1874.

This work contains the "Chronica Majora" of Matthew Paris, one of the most valuable and frequently consulted of all the ancient English Chronicles. It is now published from its commencement, for the first time. The editions by Archbishop Parker, and William Wats, severally begin at the Norman Conquest.

58. MEMORIALE FRATRIS WALTERI DE COVENTRIA.—THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF WALTER OF COVENTRY. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, from the MS. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1872–1873.

This work, now printed in full for the first time, has long been a *desideratum* by Historical Scholars. The first portion, however, is not of much importance, being only a compilation from earlier writers. The part relating to the first quarter of the thirteenth century is the most valuable and interesting.

59. THE ANGLO-LATIN SATIRICAL POETS AND EPIGRAMMATISTS OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY. Vols. I. and II. *Now first collected and edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A., Corresponding Member of the National Institute of France (Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres). 1872.

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60. MATERIALS FOR A HISTORY OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VII., FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE. Vol. I. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, M.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. 1873.

This volume is valuable as illustrating the acts and proceedings of Henry VII. on ascending the throne, and shadows out the policy he afterwards adopted.

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